

**THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY
CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS**

May 17, 2022

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Bob Boyd, Linda Seaman, Juanita Kepner and Geraldine Castle. Pam Campbell and Ernie Wulf were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Patty Souders and Joseph and Cindy Durnell.
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Mayor Bushong called the meeting to order and led the council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

It was requested to add visitors Joseph and Cindy Durnell to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

There was one correction on Page 1 of the Minutes in which the date for the auditors should be May 9, 2022 not April 9, 2022.

Motion by Boyd, second by Castle to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

Boyd questioned what the big payment out of General Operating was in April and the clerk reported it was for the city property, liability and work comp insurance.

Motion by Seaman, second by Castle to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong questioned the payroll check for Nash as she was told that the last check would be the last. This will be checked into. Boyd asked about the payment on a work comp payment for Power Nading. He had a cut and was advised to get a tetanus shot and this was the invoice for the office visit and shot.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3658 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 26010.19
Other Funds	<u>85413.47</u>
Total of all funds	\$111423.66

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Patty Souders discussed the mowing letter that she had received and that the property has been baled the last few years and asked for an extension to allow the property to be baled and then it will be kept mowed.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to allow Souders to continue to bale the property on Cherry Street. Motion carried.

Joseph and Cindy Durnell discussed a property near them and Chief Feagan stated that the owners had been given notice to vacate and will placard the structure as uninhabitable. Discussion turned to the care of dogs in the neighborhood. (Souders and the Durnell's left)

Mayor Bushong asked if the paint had been purchased for the ballfield and curbs and it had not, informed the council on a meeting with company that evaluate the electric distribution system and asked for a work session to discuss utilities Tuesday, May 24, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Clerk Crumrine updated the council on the lift station pumps, discussed pictures that Nancy Whetstone had sent pertaining to erosion around a culvert that was starting to affect the street, informed the council that she was working on a work comp audit and that all departments had been notified that they needed to start thinking about items to be included in the 2023 budget.

Police Chief Feagan updated the council on the number of mowing letters that had been sent out.

A request for executive session was made. Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel, clerk, police chief and department heads present for a period of ten (10) minutes with session ending at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:48 p.m.

Returned: 7:58 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and the following action was taken.

Motion by Kepner, second by Castle to have clerk contact the LKM and other cities on their cell phone policies to be added to the personnel policy manual. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

A request for the city to indicate their willingness to sign the latest version of the Osage Nation PA was asked for.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to notify the agency of the city's willingness to sign the PA. Motion carried.

The mower recently worked on has stopped working again and Police Chief Feagan was instructed to get a quotes on a new motor. Pictures of the slide at the pool were shown and it was reported that the steps needed to be replaced as the old steps were damaged. It was reported that the cameras had been received and installed in Veterans Park. Attorney Adamson gave the clerk a listing of special assessment properties that he needs documentation on to start the district court filings. Another CDBG extension request was presented for approval for the mayor to sign.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the Mayor signing the extension request. Motion carried.

Resolution 2022-1 was presented to approval. This resolution once adopted is giving McElroy 10 days from the passage of the resolution to have nuisance abated or the city will abate the conditions causing the violations.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to adopt Resolution 2022-1. Motion carried. The clerk was also instructed to include a letter with the resolution notification that the extension of the fence around the property is not taking care of the nuisance violations.

The ordinance to repeal the code section concerning ATV and Golf Cart registration was presented for approval. Discussion was held and the following action was taken.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to repeal prior motion to omit the ATV and Golf Cart section and leave code as it currently is. Motion carried.

A quote from Richard Houston was received to fix the floor at the Water Plant.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to accept the bid from Houston. Motion carried. It was requested to go out for bids to repair doors at the water plant and the senior citizens buildings.

Don Osenbaugh had notified the clerk of dates that he would be available to conduct the governing body training and Mayor Bushong will contact Council Member Campbell on date she will be available.

CMB LICENSE APPLICATION

A CMB License application was received for the Fire Department to sell beer at the school reunion.

Motion by Kepner, second by Castle to approve the CMB license application. Motion carried.

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

Clerk Crumrine had been contacted regarding an increase in the transfer station fee and that there was not a representative from Chetopa present at the initial meeting to discuss this increase.

Motion by Seaman, second by Boyd to appoint Castle and Kepner to the committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Boyd to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Tammy Bushong

Mayor

Toni A. Crumrine

City Clerk