

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

July 5, 2022

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 7:16 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Attorney Shane Adamson and Vincent Schibi.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting to order and led the council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened the meeting with prayer.

Motion by Boyd, second by Castle to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Kepner, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3661 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$38520.70
Other Funds	<u>27812.05</u>
Total of all funds	\$66332.75

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Vincent Schibi introduced himself and told the governing body and others present that he is a candidate for the Labette County Commissioners seat and told about him. Schibi thanked the council for their time.

Mayor Bushong discussed the interviews and made the following appointment of Charles Blundell as a city helper.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

Blundell will start at \$14 per hour, \$14.50 after probation and \$14.85 when the CDL is gotten.

Clerk Crumrine reported on the updated generator cost and asked how the city would like to fund the additional funding needed from the difference in the cost of the generators and the ARPA funding as she needed to know how to include it in the 2023 budget. Difference will be taken out of one of the depreciation or repairs & maintenance funds when the generators are received as the delivery time for the generators is approximately 24-28 weeks. This will be taken into consideration in the budget preparation.

Attorney Adamson had received several pictures of the damage to the alley's by the contractor repairing the roof and Clerk Crumrine was instructed to take additional pictures of the damage to the sidewalk on the North side of the building and will send these to Adamson to include in the letter to the school.

FOLLOW UP ON OLD BUSINESS

An update and copies of emails to the city clerk on the progress of the Osage Nation PA. Clerk Crumrine will contact the representative from KMU and see what help can be gotten there. Clerk Crumrine will be contacting Representative Mike Houser and KDOT Area Director Larry Robinson concerning the drift on the piers and the erosion on the river bank on the west side of the Neosho River. A policy on the use of the roll off will be worked on as to when pick up will be done, etc. to set rules and regulations on this benefit to the city. Clerk Crumrine will work on incorporating items into the personnel policy manual regarding use of cell phones, social media and other items that were found in the LKM policy manual guidelines. Clerk Crumrine updated the council on the KDOT meeting that she attended in Pittsburg. The plans include overlaying the highway from curb to curb and the contractor will discuss the request for the city to get some of the millings to use. Invoices from ICR Electric totaling \$5,586.66 were presented for approval to pay.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to pay the ICR Electric invoices. Motion carried.

Officer Cordell Bass was recognized and thanked the council for helping him out with the cost of driving back and forth to work.

BILLINGSLY SOLAR POWER DISCUSSION

Motion by Boyd, second by Seaman to direct Attorney Adamson to write letter giving Billingsly 15 days from the date of the letter to come into compliance with the requirements of the ordinance for the solar power installation. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUEST

Debbie Darnell, Utility Bookkeeper requested 3 days' vacation in July and this had been checked by Patty Wilkinson as requested.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the vacation request for Darnell. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Castle to enter into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. This motion died for lack of second as it was advised not to enter into executive session when a quorum was not personally present and Kepner was present via phone.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk