

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

October 18, 2022

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Bob Boyd, Linda Seaman, Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle and Ernie Wulf.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson (at 7:08 p.m.), Timothy "Chris" Burnham, Justin Nading, Hunter Crowder, Bill Moses, Vincent Schibi and Hassan Al-Rabbat.

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 the probation discussion on the three new employees, visitor Timothy Burnham and delete visitor Phyllis Grace to the agenda.

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

Boyd requested that the minutes include the time that the meeting has ended as the time that the meeting started and the executive session times are noted.

Motion by Kepner, second by Wulf to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting and start noting the ending time on future minutes. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the Municipal Court report. Motion carried.

Boyd noted a \$900,000 line typo error on the 3rd quarter treasurer's report but that it didn't affect the overall report totals at the bottom. Crumrine will let Debbie Darnell know of the error.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the Treasurer's Reports with the noted correction. Motion carried.

Boyd questioned the payment for Inmate Housing to the LB County Sheriff's Dept and discussion followed. The clerk was asked to send a copy of the contract for the inmate housing.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Hunter Crowder introduced himself and reported that he had put in an application for the lineman position.

Justin Nading was present to answer any questions that the council might have in him filling the council vacancy from Pam Campbell's resignation. The clerk informed the council

that Nading was the only applicant that had applied to fill the vacancy. The following action was taken:

Motion by Boyd, second by Seaman to elect Justin Nading as a council member to fill the vacancy. Motion carried. Clerk Crumrine swore Nading in and he took his seat at the council table.

Timothy “Chris” Burnham gave the council an update on his new business and what he has added since opening. Burnham asked that the council consider Sunday Beer sales. Discussion followed and the clerk will look into the process to allow Sunday sales if approved.

Motion by Castle, second by Boyd to table action on allowing Sunday CMB sales. Motion carried.

Bill Moses updated the council on the progress that has been made on the cutting of limbs around the primary and reported that 14 blocks have been completed. Moses questioned whether the state fire marshal could be contacted about burning the brush pile during the burn ban if the fire department is available, as the pile is getting large. This will be looked in to further.

Hassan Al-Rabbat introduced himself and discussed some improvements that he would like the council to consider and said that he was encouraged with the discussion of the new business and the filling of the council position.

Mayor Bushong questioned where the ½ payment for the pool water slide was paid from as she thought it had been approved to pay out of the park fund. The clerk will research and report back.

Boyd reported that he would like to put in the budget to save up for a splash pad to be put in Elmore Park and Burnham stated that he is going to do some fund raising to pay for park improvements. Wulf asked that the pool budget be increased next year and was informed that the 2023 budget had already been set for the year.

Boyd showed slide of school zone sign on Elm Street that needs replaced and had been questioned if the council was going to fix the boat ramp in East River like had been done in Elmore Park. Discussion followed.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to make the same arrangements to fix the East River Park boat ramp as was done in Elmore Park. Motion carried.

Seaman asked if a nuisance letter had been sent to Lashbrook and Police Chief Feagan will check and send if it has not been.

Castle reported that she had been contacted by Charlie Morse on the Solid Waste Committee having a meeting as the transfer station’s six month extension is about the end and they are requesting another increase. The meeting is Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the Labette County Health Department.

Mayor Bushong would like the council to review the acceptable/unacceptable items that are in place for the roll off and thought that just because some items are allowed, the council may want to remove them from items allowed to be picked up due to the potential health concerns, such as asbestos siding.

Wulf reported that a water valve cover at 2nd and Maple had flipped over and he had covered it back up.

Clerk Crumrine reported that Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler had informed her that the turbidity meter at the water plant had quit working and the meter is obsolete and parts cannot be ordered and Tyler does not have an exact cost but estimates it at \$2800 to replace. The meter measures the cloudiness of the water as it is leaving the plant and needs to be replaced.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to approve the purchase of the turbidity meter.
Motion carried.

Interim City Supervisor/Police Chief Feagan reported that the manifold for the bucket truck should be in by Thursday, stop signs have been ordered, that KDOT is in charge of signs placed along the highway and suggested getting larger No Truck signs installed by the Hornet's Nest. The locations for the generators that have been ordered for the water plant and well house was discussed and Clerk Crumrine will contact Don Wagner with Foley to inquire where he had proposed them installed when he did the specs for the generator.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

An update on the conversation with Moran's office regarding the Osage Nation PA was given, Attorney Adamson had reviewed the documentation on the solar installation and stated that he felt everything was in order and the mayor will make a time to sign the agreement. Clerk Crumrine will follow up on email with KDOT regarding the removal of the debris on the bridge piers. Boyd suggested going to the DOT website to get the insurance information pertaining to the DOT number on the truck that caused the damage to the meter by Carm N Dales. Attorney Adamson is contacting the school regarding sending a letter to the contactors on the damage to the alley's when they were roofing the old Wood-Aire building and Police Chief Feagan will give the clerk the police report on the Pecan Street Damage.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUN/MEETING PAY REQUEST

The 3rd quarter run/meeting pay request in the amount of \$552 that had been submitted by Fire Chief Bryan Midgett was read.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the fire department 3rd quarter run/meeting pay request. Motion carried.

FIRST RESPONDER RUN PAY REQUEST

The 3rd quarter run pay request in the amount of \$620 that had been submitted by Chetopa 1st Responder President Scott Feagan was read.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the first responder 3rd quarter run pay request. Motion carried.

PROBATIONARY PERIOD DISCUSSION

Three employees, Charles Blundell, Daniel Bentley and Myles Adams have completed their 90-day probationary period. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to remove the three employees from probation effective the date that they 90 days were completed. Motion carried.

Boyd stated that since t-shirts had been ordered for the city crews, asked if hoodies could also be ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Wulf, second by Kepner to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel and city supervisor present for a period of 15 minutes with session ending at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried

Entered: 8:52 p.m. Returned: 9:07 p.m.

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

Motion by Castle, second by Nading to interview Hunter Crowder. Motion carried.

Kepner and Wulf volunteered to interview Crowder when it was determined that another lineman would be available to sit in on the interview.

Clerk Crumrine had researched the pool water slide payment and it was determined that it had been paid out of the general operating-pool fund and asked if the council wished to have the fund reimbursed from the park fund.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to transfer the ½ payment of the slide from the park fund to reimburse general operating-pool. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk