

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

November 1, 2022

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/Interim City Supervisor Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, Scott Day and Timothy “Chris” Burnham.

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 an executive session to discuss non-elected personnel to the agenda.

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

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

Motion by Boyd, second by Kepner to approve the Treasurer’s report. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3669 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$28446.79
Other Funds	<u>57411.74</u>
Total of all funds	\$85858.53

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Scott Day/Day Insurance was present to discuss the renewal options with Blue Cross Blue Shield and Freedom Claims Management Inc. Day went over his renewal presentation and recommended that the city renew with Chamber Blue of Kansas with the CB8 option. Day asked that Clerk Crumrine check with Blue Cross to be sure that the formulary drugs that are presently prescribed will still be covered under the BlueEdge Chamber Blue plan that was quoted and he would check with FCMI to see if they could also check the drug plan.

Motion by Boyd, second by Castle to accept Scott Day’s recommendation to renew with the Chamber Blue CB8 option based on the answer on the BlueEdge formulary drug coverage. Motion carried.

Timothy “Chris” Burnham was present to discuss if the council was considering adopting ordinance to allow Sunday CMB sales and discussed the impact on his business with

not allowing Sunday sales. Clerk Crumrine reported that there was an ordinance prepared in the event that the council wished to adopt it that will be covered in the old business. Crumrine informed Burnham that the ordinance, if adopted, has to be published two consecutive weeks after adoption and it would not go in effect until 61 days after the second publication, which would be somewhere in the middle of January. There is a possibility that a petition might force an election to be held and the outcome of the election would impact whether or not the ordinance goes into effect. No action was taken from discussion until old business.

Bryan Midgett was not present to discuss the fire truck issues but Council Member Nading, who is also the Assistant Fire Chief, reported that the pumper truck #7 has a turbo issue and it is estimated that it will cost approximately \$5,000. The tank truck #12 needs a PTO pump but no estimate is available right now.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the repairs on Truck #7 on the turbo with the estimate of \$5,000 to be paid out of Fire Fighting Equipment. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong questioned whether the turbidity meter had been installed and asked that the clerk contact Operator Paul Trinkle for an update. An update on the Solid Waste Committee was given and it was anticipated that the transfer station tonnage fee would increase to \$43.50/ton.

Boyd reported on the meeting with Don Wagner with Foley Equipment and where the generators will be placed in order to get the concrete pads poured. Wagner has estimated that the two bigger generators will be arriving at the end of the month.

Castle questioned if the new lights that had been installed on the city trucks need to be on all the time and they do not. This will be discussed with the crews.

Boyd discussed illegal dumping in the county and showed pictures of trash and other debris that had been dumped and asked what people are to do with items that are unacceptable to be picked up.

Clerk Crumrine had been contacted regarding a memorial monument stone that was moved that had been placed in Veterans Park in memory of Fred Holliday and asked if it was going to be permanently placed where it is now and was told that was the intentions. Pictures of three trees that Vicki Wade wanted cut down on property that she recently bought were shown. Discussion followed and it is the council's position is that no live trees will be cut down. Rhonda Hicks had contacted the city clerk and at that point in the discussion, Mayor Bushong stated that her complaint was not a city matter as no laws had been broken and no further discussion was needed by the council. A billing in the amount of \$3397 for the 2023 software support and license fee from gWorks was received, an increase of \$297.38 from last year.

Motion by Castle, second by Nading to pay the 2023 gWorks billing. Motion carried.

Police Chief/Interim City Supervisor Feagan informed the council that Officer Travis Rakestraw had been asked to help Bill Moses with the tree trimming project on his days off and policy states that the council has to approve a second job.

Motion by Castle, second by Boyd to allow Rakestraw to work for Moses on his day's off. Motion carried.

Police Chief/Interim City Supervisor Feagan requested permission to move a car port from Elmore Park by the ball field that isn't being used there, to the police station. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to allow the moving of the car port from Elmore Park to the police station. Motion carried.

Police Chief/Interim City Supervisor Feagan informed the council that Myles Adams had passed the initial CDL written portion and updated them on the CDL class registrations. Locates for planting the trees and other plants have been called in and a tree has been cut in Veterans Park and Dewey Brown will grind the stump as soon as possible. Concrete pads will need to be poured to get ready for the water plant generators.

Motion by Castle, second by Boyd to do the prep work and pour the concrete pads to get ready for the installation of the generators at the water plant. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong asked to have fire rings placed at camping spots in Elmore Park and discussed having the picnic tables and benches fastened down to not allow them to be moved around. The clerk was instructed to contact Great Plains to empty the roll off.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

Attorney Adamson had reviewed the final draft of the Osage Nation PA and the council was in agreement to notify RD that the city is ready to sign the draft. The acceptable/unacceptable roll off listing was discussed and it was decided to leave list as is. Several properties that need cleaned up were discussed. Mayor Bushong asked for an update on the junk vehicles and Feagan will check with Officer Rakestraw. The personnel policy manual update was not complete but Clerk Crumrine asked about the inclusion of the Veterans Preference as it was not mandatory by cities and asked if the council wished to have it in the manual. Discussion followed and it will not be included in the policy manual. The draft ordinance to allow Sunday CMB and alcoholic liquor sales in Chetopa was presented for discussion and Clerk Crumrine asked about the hours that the council would want to authorize for Sunday sales. A lengthy discussion was held.

Motion by Nading, second by Kepner to adopt Ordinance No. 963 as presented. Motion carried. Castle and Boyd voted no and Kepner and Nading voted yes. Mayor Bushong voted yes to break the tie.

BUILDING PERMITS

Posted with no protests: Brenda Adler to move a 66' x 14' mobile home in at 921 Plum St. and Wanda LaGrassa to build on a 29'6" x 8' carport on house at 910 Mulberry St. both in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspector Wulf was not present to discuss permits. Discussion followed. Action was tabled on the Adler building permit until further information is gotten on the mobile home.

Motion by Kepner, second by Nading to approve the LaGrassa building permit pending Building Inspector Wulf's approval. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUEST

Water Plant Operator Paul Trinkle has requested 5 days’ vacation in November. There was some question on whether Water Plant Supervisor Tyler would be back although the request had been signed by Tyler. Approval was tabled until clarification was received on the request.

2022 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Clerk Crumrine informed the council that she is working on the budget amendment and requested that anything that could be delayed until after the first of the year wait until that time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Castle, second by Nading to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council and legal counsel present for a period of 10 minutes with session ending at 10:21 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 10:11 p.m. Returned: 10:21 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk