

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

April 4, 2023

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/City Supervisor Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson (at 7:25 p.m.), Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Scott Day, Bill Moses (at 7:09 p.m.), Leslie, Anthony and Benjamin Penrod, Jess Penrod, Malisha Jakee and Olivia, Sheryl Penrod, DeLinda Lance and Dana Wilkerson.

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

It was requested to add visitors Leslie Penrod and others, Dana Wilkerson, First Responder 1st Quarter Run Pay and two invoices from Law Office of Shane Adamson on the agenda.

Motion by Seaman, second by Nading to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Bushong questioned if the bucket truck repairs would be paid out of the Depre & Maint Fund and Clerk Crumrine stated yes, that was what she had been asked to do.

Motion by Boyd, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurers Report. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3679 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 39288.90
Other Funds	<u>171293.18</u>
Total of all Funds	\$210582.08

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Scott Day with Day Insurance as present to discuss providing an amendment for employees that are 65 years and older so they can use the Medical Expense Reimbursement Plan (MERP) to reimburse Medicare premiums. Because the city is under the 20 employee, they are not able to stay on the city coverage and will have to enroll in Medicare Parts A & B and this amendment will allow the employee to be reimbursed the 95% of the premiums.

Motion by Seaman, second by Nading to put the amendment in the policy manual for employees 65 years and older to use the MERP to reimburse the Medicare premiums. Motion carried. (Day left)

DeLinda Lance, Dana Wilkerson and others present talked about the nuisance issue in the west end of town. A lengthy discussion was held and pictures of the property were shown.

Motion by Boyd, second by Nading to give an extension until the next meeting, April 18, 2023 to Leslie Penrod at 1504 Maple St., to address the nuisance and junk vehicles violations. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler updated the council on the increase in the original quote from Layne Christensen on pulling the pump, discussed the pool cleaning and that the company that was to vacuum the water out would not be able to get to it this year and action was tabled from that discussion. Tyler reported that he had gotten the extra gear box in and asked permission to purchase a shelf for \$150 and a 2 gallon sprayer for \$150 as Paul Trinkle had been using his personal sprayer. A quote had been received from Houston Construction for \$560 to make repairs in the Veterans Park. Discussion followed and Mayor Bushong asked to see credit card statements each month.

Motion by Nading, second by Boyd to approve the quote of \$560 from Houston Construction to make the repairs to the bathrooms at Veterans Park. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong requested permission to send a letter of support to Tim Burnham for his proposed expansion of the River Market business and wanted to do a proclamation for reception of a retiring school teacher. Approval was given for both requests. Bushong asked for updates on several properties and questioned if letters or citations had been given.

Boyd informed the council that the last generator had been delivered and the three transfer switches still needed to be installed but they need a bucket truck to complete the installation. Boyd discussed the semi-truck that had gotten stuck at 10th and Elm and several ideas were also discussed on how to prevent trucks from driving down that street. Boyd questioned who makes the decision on investing cd's and discussed his KMEA director position.

Seaman asked if the city would donate gloves and trash bags for the elementary school to do the cleanup for Earth Day on April 20th.

Motion by Nading, second by Kepner to donate gloves and trash bags for the school kids Earth Day cleanup. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong showed pictures of a meter that is located inside a shed and employees are having to climb over items to read the meter and stated that the meter needs to be moved.

Nading reported that the Terex service truck is down and they are waiting on repairs before they can come to install the boom.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the KDHE Waste Tire Grant contracts have been signed and sent back in, read the 2023 1st Quarter Run pay request from the First Responders and discussed two invoices received from Law Office of Shane Adamson totaling \$ \$3420 for the 4th Quarter of 2022 and 1st quarter of 2023 for municipal court expenses.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to approve the First Responder run pay request. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to approve the payment to the Law Office of Shane Adamson. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong asked if Karin Trimble had passed her Water Operator certification test and Tyler reported that they were having to hand grade the tests, so she hasn't been informed yet.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported that Josh Russell was scheduled to start the academy on April 17, 2023, Josh Moore has started repairs on the big bucket truck and that the fire rings will be installed at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, April 5, 2023.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

A quick update was held on the old business items. The following actions were taken. Bill Moses had submitted an invoice in the amount of \$17360 for additional primary line tree limb cutting that were not on the original map that he was provided.

Motion by Boyd, second by Nading to approve the payment of the \$17360 to Bill's Lawn Service. Motion carried.

A sealant quote was received from Teeter's Paving to repair the damage that the contractor hired by the school had done to the alley's. It was discussed before approving the quote, that streets be looked at that may need to be overlaid and Nading will do that.

A quote from PARCOM in the amount of \$3975 for new phones for the city and police offices were presented for discussion.

Motion by Seaman, second by Boyd to approve the quote from PARCOM. Motion carried.

BUDGET FOR PARK FLOWERS

Mayor Bushong asked for a budget of \$2000 to purchase flowers and mulch for the parks.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to approve the \$2000 budget for flowers and mulch. Motion carried.

BULK PICKUP DISCUSSION

Mayor Bushong discussed residents that are putting out items for the bulk pickup on the 2nd Thursday of the month and that they are putting items out that may sit there for several weeks before the bulk pickup date.

Feagan reported that he had ordered two signs that say "No Semi Truck" at \$50 per sign to be installed to try to keep trucks from going up the street.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk