

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

May 2, 2023

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.,
at City Hall

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/City Supervisor Scott Feagan,
Attorney Shane Adamson and Officer Cordell Bass.

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

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

Boyd pointed out that the meeting did not start at 7:00 p.m. as was reflected in the
minutes and questioned the four pages for the minutes. Clerk Crumrine stated that in printing
out the minutes, it is on four pages and Boyd happened to be the one that got the original print
and all other copies were two pages, front and back. Mayor Bushong asked if the fire
department had brought a fire truck to break up the packed mud in the well house and Nading
had not gotten with Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler yet to do so.

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

Mayor Bushong questioned if the discrepancy had been found on the Treasurer's Report
that was discussed last meeting and it was a typo on the outstanding check listing. Boyd
questioned the negative balance in the General Operating and it was noted that there is a transfer
from the electric fund to coverage the overdraft balance.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Boyd asked about the transfer switch and it was reported that Terex would be here
Wednesday or Thursday to certify the utility truck so that the transfer switches could be installed.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3681 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 41226.22
Other Funds	<u>153506.20</u>
Total of all Funds	\$194732.42

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITOR

Officer Bass was present to thank the governing body for their support in hiring him as he has accepted a job with the Wellington Police Department and his last day is May 12, 2023.

Mayor Bushong discussed several properties and junk vehicles that needed followed up, cleaning hours and locations were discussed and maintenance items that need fixed. Bushong reported on the solid waste that GFL had not responded to the committee's recommendation on the transfer station fees and suggested that a resident be contacted to increase monthly payments on a prior demolition expense.

Boyd informed the council that another truck ran off into the ditch at the Hornet Addition and it was stated that the GPS sends them down that street. A letter will be written to KDOT to see if something can be done for signage to prevent trucks from turning onto the wrong street. Boyd also discussed a mobile home that was moved in but utilities have not been hooked up, showed pictures of an RV parked on the city easement on N. 5th St. and noticed the Air Force flag was not up at the memorial. It was reported that the flag grommets had ripped out and a new flag will be put up.

Mayor Bushong requested that letters be sent to owners of the old Top Line and Barr Lumber properties, discussed out of state vehicles tags in Chetopa and a letter will be written to the Sheriff's Department to write tickets to violators, discussed that grant opportunity funding needed to be brought before the council before information is sent to Amy Wilkinson, stated that credit cards and other purchases with the \$750 spending limit, should only be used for purchases that department heads are responsible for and reported that she wasn't aware that the neighborhood revitalization plan was available not only for businesses but also residents in the target area.

Nading reported on some streets that needed overlaid and stated that Ryan Darnell had been notified that the cost of the fireworks had increased to \$8900 for the same show as last year. The clerk was asked to check what had been budgeted.

Castle questioned how long was the city going to allow the mobile home that was the old clinic to be partially in the alley.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the AT&T land lines for the city complex were scheduled to be installed on May 9, 2023 and that the 2022 audit reports had been delivered if any council member wanted to review it.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan requested Mayor Bushong to read Cordell Bass' resignation letter.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to accept the resignation of Bass with regret. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan informed the council that Officer Rakestraw had two days and six hours of vacation that he is in a use or lose situation and asked if Rakestraw could carry over the time, due to the department being shorthanded.

Motion by Seaman, second by Nading to allow Rakestraw to carry over two days and six hours of vacation. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan discussed when Officer Bass leave on May 12, 2023, there will only be two officers available to work and was asked about the status of Officer Billingsly returning to work and was told it would possibly be June 1st if he got cleared with no restrictions. Suggestions were discussed for shift coverage.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to pay bonus pay for fill in's at Police Chief Feagan's discretion. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan gave an update on the bucket trucks, a mower that the PTO relay switch that had went out and recommended that the mowers be replaced in the 2024 budget. Feagan reported that he was waiting on quote from ICR to replace the museum lighting with LED lights.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

A KDHE pay request was presented to request funds for payment of one-half of the KB Archaeological Consulting invoice in the amount of \$7903.50.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to pay the KB invoice and have mayor sign the KDHE pay request. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong requested that interviews be set up for City Helper and Mow man Thursday as her husband would like to resign August 31st but would work longer if city was still shorthanded. Interviews will be set up Thursday for applicants starting at 5:30 p.m.

Quotes on the Side by Side were discussed.

Motion by Nading, second by Kepner to purchase the Polaris Ranger 1000 for \$18165.97. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT

Published without protest, Sheryle Paxson to move in a 12' x 40' lofted cabin at 1231 Franklin St. in the City of Chetopa.

Building Inspector Nading reported that they had not staked out where they intended to move the cabin in to and action was tabled until location is shown.

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEETING/RUN PAY

The fire department 1st Quarter meeting/run pay request in the amount of \$364.00 was read.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to pay the fire department for the 1st quarter pay request. Motion carried.

POOL APPLICATIONS

It was requested to set up interviews for the pool manager and assistant manager on Friday.

Motion by Kepner, second by Wulf to set up interviews for the pool manager and assistant manager and authorize the interviewers to make a job offer if applicants are agreed on. Motion carried.

DUMPSTER DISCUSSION

It was felt that the cost for each time a dumpster is dumped should be increased and that dumpsters should have the City of Chetopa stenciled on them. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to increase to dumpster dumping fee to \$30 for each time it is dumped. Motion carried. Clerk Crumrine will write ordinance.

ALLEY CLOSURE PETITION

An alley closing petition was presented for approval. There was some question on ownership and location of the lots and discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to table action on the petition to close the alleys until it can be checked into further. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk