

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 21, 2023

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/City Supervisor Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Scott Day, Bill Moses, Joe Duval, Rodney Trimble, Ryan Darnell, Phillip Ronci, Waylon J. Johnson with visitor, and Pauline Brecheisen (at 7:21 p.m.).

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 a non-elected personnel executive session and the municipal court report to the agenda.

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

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

Mayor Bushong questioned the negative balances and Clerk Crumrine responded that she hadn't gotten the treasurers report and will need to calculate the balances that are needed to transfer.

Motion by Boyd, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Boyd questioned the repair invoice on the Senior Citizens AC unit and asked who had approved that repair. Clerk Crumrine did not know what had happened but will try to find out for the next meeting. Boyd also questioned the O'Brien Rock invoice and it was reported that it was for the repairs to the culvert by the funeral home that had been approved at a prior meeting.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3694 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 44546.04
Other Funds	<u>74250.33</u>
Total of all Funds	\$118796.37

Motion Seaman, second by Kepner to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

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Rod Trimble was present to discuss the junk vehicle letters that he had received on two vehicles and reported that he was trying to find the title to donate one and had filed a lost title on the other vehicle. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nading, second by Kepner to give Trimble a 30-day extension and advised him to come back at the end of the extension if he still had not resolved the title issues. Motion carried.

Joe Duval reported that he was trying to sell the school bus and needed more time to work on it to get it running.

Motion by Boyd, second by Castle to give Duval a 30-day extension and advised him to come back at the end of the extension if needed. Motion carried.

Scott Day with Day Insurance Solutions was present to discuss the health insurance renewal and presented options for the council to consider. If the city elected to leave the Chamber Blue, Day could contact KMIT to see if they would accept the city under their umbrella or the other options is to go back to the age-based BCBS plan. If accepted by KMIT, the city plan would be primary because KMIT is a large group, but if going back to the age-based, then any employee under Medicare would have to enroll in Part B and the city plan would be the supplemental. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nading, second by Seaman to pursue the KMIT application and if not approved then proceed with the BCBS age-based insurance enrollment. Motion carried.

Bill Moses questioned why locks had been changed at the lagoon and asked why the policy had changed that contractors could not haul brush and trees in to the brush dump and it was explained that a policy had been made last December 2022, that lagoon keys would not be handed out to individuals and private contractors would no longer be allowed to dump brush and trees in the lagoon unless they had been hired by the city. Items other than brush and trees had been taken out there, along with the mess that was left after dumping and that is why the policy had been made. Other contractors had been told that they could not dump there, but the city did not know that Moses had a key and was dumping at the lagoon. The council stated that they could not allow one contractor to use the lagoon to dump and not allow all others. No action was taken from the discussion and the policy will remain in effect.

Waylon J. Johnson and visitor were present to discuss the building permit that had been applied for by James Stephens to move in a 14' x 66' 1991 mobile home to 110 S. 13th St., in the City of Chetopa. Stephens is a truck driver and was on the road, so Johnson was here to discuss the permit. There were questions whether any unpaid special assessments were on the property and Johnson will contact the office to see if anything is owed. Also noted was when Building Inspector Nading looked at property, there were no stakes showing where the mobile home would be placed. Both Johnson and visitor stated that there are stakes now. More discussion followed.

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Motion by Boyd, second by Seaman to table action on the building permit until next meeting. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler discussed the need to order a clarifier mixer motor and presented a quote from CEMCO in the amount of \$2456.24. Discussion followed and Boyd asked Tyler to see if there would be a discount for purchasing two.

Motion by Nading, second by Castle to approve the purchase of one clarifier mixer motor. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong asked if condemnation proceedings had been started on Barr Lumber and the Old Mill Inn. Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported that he had spoken to the owner of Barr Lumber and was told that they would take care of it, but nothing had been done. Feagan also stated a resolution had not been done on either property and Clerk Crumrine discussed the procedure for condemnation.

Boyd showed pictures of the new lighting at the water plant and thanked the city crews for getting the Christmas lights up.

Seaman reported that she would contact the Fire Pit to get a catering cost and asked for a count on the Full-time employees and family that would be attending. Clerk Crumrine will get a count.

Nading discussed the building on Maple St. Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported on his discussion with the owner.

Clerk Crumrine informed the council to be considering someone to be on the Solid Waste Committee as all three present members would not be on the governing body in January; discussed the KDHE Waste Tire Grant and asked for input on what council may want to apply for after the first of the year and reported that she had been contacted about the feral cat issue in the city. No suggestions or recommendations were given on the solution to the cat issue.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan discussed removing Officer Carly Eichler from probation and stated that she is doing well at the academy.

Motion by Boyd, second by Nading to remove Eichler from probation retro to October 24, 2023. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported that LED lights had been ordered for the city complex sign, gave an update on the International Utility truck and informed the council of a Kubota Tractor with a bush hog and loader attachment that a resident had for sale and asked if the council was interested in purchasing it. It had been priced to him at \$15000. Discussion followed.

Motion by Boyd, second by Seaman to offer \$14000 for the tractor and attachments and if accepted do a lease purchase. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported that the police truck brought \$10500 on the purple wave auction and funds will be applied against the lease on the new police truck.

OLD BUSINESS

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The sewer rate ordinance will be on the December 5th agenda, Clerk Crumrine is working on the budget amendment and there were no updates on the library building, pool/splash pad or electrical storage building roof.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Seaman, second by Nading to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, clerk and police chief present for a period of five (5) minutes with session ending at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:02 p.m. Returned: 9:07 p.m.

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

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan updated the council that Officer Jason Wammack will have his challenge test in January and informed the council that during the hiring interview, Wammack had stated he had vacation already scheduled and will be gone eight (8) days without pay. In the past, the city paid for cell phone service for several employees in the public works department that use their personal phones a lot for city business. This will be checked into further. Michelle Feagan asked if the city council wished to have a float in the parade this year and it was agreed to do so.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk