

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

October 03, 2023

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 3, 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 (at 7:18 p.m.), Assistant City Clerk Amy Wilkinson, Krystal Adams, David Hubbell, Bill Moses, Court Clerk Patty Wilkinson (at 7:20 p.m.).

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

It was requested to add the swimming pool under pending items on the agenda.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

In the review of the minutes, Mayor Bushong requested to update the wording in the discussion of the police contract to reflect the following:

The discussion of the police contract will be revisited after Wammack takes the challenge test.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting with the change discussed. Motion carried.

Boyd questioned if the ARP line could be dropped off the treasurer's report. Clerk Crumrine stated since it was an actual fund, it couldn't be deleted from the system.

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

Boyd questioned the payment of \$68.00 and \$682.04. Clerk Crumrine explained that the questioned water system bond transfers were set out in the bond ordinance when the bonds were issued.

Mayor Bushong questioned why the Atmos Energy Bill for the museum was so high. It was reported that there was a \$50 facility charge and numerous other fees. The actual consumption was minimal.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to approve the warrant report. Motion carried.

. **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3691** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 32,890.59
Other Funds	<u>\$ 47,527.48</u>
Total of all Funds	\$ 80,418.07

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MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEE & VISITORS

Mayor Bushong discussed the water plant violation. The Chetopa City Library electricity bills were discussed. Clerk Crumrine will contact the librarian over the concerns related to the library's energy consumption.

Seaman reported that at the chamber meeting, it was asked about the city donation towards Halloween candy and requested the council donate \$75.00 to the pumpkin parade.

Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to approve the \$75.00 donation for candy. Motion carried.

Several residential areas were discussed pertaining to mowing and resident property violations.

Castle raised the issue of salvage material accumulating at Mark Rhodes' residence, and there was a request to contact Rhodes about this matter again. Also discussed was a limb on 1st and Mulberry that needs to be trimmed or cut back.

Boyd discussed the backwash pump at the water plant. Boyd suggested asking residents to trim or prune their trees to help prevent future power outages caused by trees or branches falling on the power lines.

Mayor Bushong reported that the generators at the water plant were tested. There was an issue with the generator at the well house and it is currently being checked out.

FIRST RESPONDER RUN PAY

A pay request in the amount of \$780.00 for the third quarter First Responder runs was presented for approval.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to approve the First Responder pay request. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUN PAY

A pay request in the amount of \$360.00 for the third quarter Fire Department runs was presented for approval.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to approve the Fire Department pay request. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported that Jason Wammack, the newly appointed officer, started his duties yesterday. He also mentioned that Carly Eichler is progressing successfully at the academy, and the police department will be reverting to 8-hour shifts.

Mayor Bushong appointed Krystal Adams as office staff with a start date of October 16, 2023.

Motion by Castle, second Wulf to confirm the appointment of Adams. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to temporarily adjourn the city council meeting to hold the Oak Hill Cemetery Association Board meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

(OAK HILL CEMETARY ASSOCIATION BOARD MEETING-SEE MINUTES)

Mayor Bushong called the adjourned meeting back to order at @7:54 p.m.

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Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to enter back into the regular adjourned council meeting. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

Mayor Bushong opened four bids for the tree cutting and grinding of the three trees located on Walnut Street: Tim's-\$8000, Matt Berry- \$800, Turf Brothers- \$2370, and Bill's Lawn Service LLC-\$1450. There was some confusion or concern regarding one of the bids, specifically about what the bid amount included. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nading, second by Castle to award the bid to Bill's Lawn Service LLC. Motion carried.

A spreadsheet for comparison of the bids for the museum heating and air units was discussed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to award the bid to Commercial and Residential Service with the upgrade. Motion carried.

The street overlay bids were compared and discussed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to table the action on the paving bids. Motion carried.

Two sealed bids were received for the police truck and were opened and read.

Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to reject both bids and advertise the truck on the Purple Wave auction website. Motion carried.

There was no update available on the Tractor Repairs.

Assistant City Clerk Wilkinson reported that Terminix did the inspection at the library with a proposed treatment plan costing \$2600.00. Wilkinson reported that 4 State Construction/Swimming Pool Co. is working on a bid to fill in the pool that would be needed to prepare for a splash pad.

ALLEY CLOSURE PETITION

An alley closure petition was presented for approval. Discussion followed regarding the ownership and location of the lots. Action was tabled until ownership of the alley is determined.

JUNK VEHICLES

Mayor Bushong requested a list of all junk vehicles in the November Council packets.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk