

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

December 17, 2024

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Council Member Justin Nading in the absence of the Mayor Ryan Darnell and President of the Council Linda Seaman.

PRESENT: Council Members/Bob Boyd, Brenda Dominguez and Ernie Wulf. Maria Billingsly and Linda Seaman were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/City Supervisor Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, Utility Bookkeeper/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Court Clerk Patty Wilkinson, Alexis Scofield, Tyson McGreer and Neal Daney.

Council Member Nading called the meeting to order and led the council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance and prayer.

Motion by Wulf, second by Dominguez to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Dominguez to approve the municipal court report. Motion carried.

Motion by Nading, second by Dominguez to approve the treasurer reports. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to approve the warrant register. Boyd voted Nay. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3720 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 37,659.78
Other Funds	<u>\$ 460,355.16</u>
Total of all Funds	\$ 498,014.94

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Tyson McGreer and Neal Daney with KMEA were present to discuss the current and future power supply options and presented a resolution and agreement that needed executed before the end of the year. (Scofield left during presentation)

Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to adopt the resolution and have the mayor sign the agreement pending Attorney Adamson's review of both documents. Motion carried. (McGreer and Daney left)

Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler was not present but asked Clerk Crumrine to inform the council that the plant had been running on the generators and everything seem to be working well.

K. Adams reported that \$18,956.51 of LEIAP money that is included in the electric fund, would be returned after the first of the year.

Crumrine reported on a resident complaint on a property on N. 2nd and informed the council that additional transfers would be made closer to the end of the month to make sure that there would be no budget or cash violations for 2024. The council was also notified of a demonstration that will be held at the Labette County courthouse on January 13, 2025, on the new election equipment.

Dominguez discussed several properties in town, and it was asked of the status of the old Barr Lumber building that condemnation proceedings had been started in January 2024. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to give Tim Smith thirty (30) days until January 15, 2025, to get the demolition completed.

Boyd discussed other properties that needed to be addressed and asked that letters be sent to Mark Rhodes on his salvage lot and the owner of the property on N. 2nd. Boyd also reported that the Riverside Market is scheduled to be auctioned off next month.

Nading asked about the street sweeper, and it was reported that a new gutter brush is needed.

OLD BUSINESS

PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER APPLICATION UPDATE

Feagan informed the council that he had been contacted by two (2) Labette County deputies wanting to be put on the part-time roster. Feagan requested the council call an executive session for non-elected personnel for three (3) minutes.

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to enter into executive session for three (3) minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with council, legal counsel, clerk, police chief, K. Adams and P. Wilkinson present. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:11 p.m.

Returned: 8:14 p.m.

Nading called the meeting back to order and there was no action taken from the executive session.

SEWER PROJECT UPDATE

A brief update was given on the sewer project, and an email had been received from USDA regarding de-obligating the funding that was in place before the city received the Kansas Water Office grant. This will be added to the next meeting agenda and a letter will be drafted to send to USDA.

NEW BUSINESS

BG CONSULTING-INVOICE #28

Invoice # 28 in the amount of \$32,431.25 for construction engineering services completed by BG Consultants was presented for approval to pay.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to approve the payment of Invoice #28 for BG Consulting. Motion carried.

CDBG TIME EXTENSION FORM AND LETTER

The CDBG time extension runs out December 31, 2024, and an extension request to December 31, 2025, was presented in addition to a letter updating CDBG on the project progress, both needing the mayor's signature.

Motion by Wulf, second by Dominguez to approve the mayor signing the extension request and letter. Motion carried.

MAE LESSLEY WINDOW DAMAGE

Crumrine had been informed that one of the East windows of the community building had been broken and will contact Doyle Glass to get an estimate.

SALE OF OBSOLETE ELECTRIC METERS-EXCESS WIRE

An email was presented from a company interested in buying old and obsolete electric meters, old transformers and excess wire. This will be investigated to see if there is anything available to sell.

GOLF CART/ATV REGISTRATION ORDINANCE

Ordinance Nol. 993 that increases the initial registration cost to \$20, was presented for approval.

Motion by Wulf, second by Dominguez to adopt Ordinance No. 993. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 993/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 14-302, 14-304, 14-306 AND 14-308 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND ANNUAL REGISTRATION RENEWAL FEES.

RESIGNATIONS

Crumrine read resignations from Council Member Maria Billingsly and Assistant City Clerk Amy Wilkinson.

Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to accept the resignation of Billingsly. Motion carried.

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

Crumrine informed the council that she still had seven (7) days of vacation to take by the end of January, but with the resignation of Wilkinson, she asked for an extension to get the vacation taken.

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to extend the deadline for Crumrine to take her vacation. Motion carried.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to advertise for an Assistant City Clerk. Motion carried.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk