

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

January 21, 2025

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ryan Darnell.

PRESENT: Council Members/Bob Boyd, Linda Seaman, Justin Nading, Brenda Dominguez and Ernie Wulf.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Attorney Shane Adamson, Tammy and Lee Bushong, Roberta Carter, Court Clerk Patty Wilkinson, City Treasurer/Utility Bookkeeper Krystal Adams, Betsy Koontz, Jessica Morgan, Melissa and Jason Hockett, Officer Jason Wammack, Amy and Lucas Wilkinson, Debbie Yost, Barb Harris, Chuck Bentley, Wes Weishaar, Ashley Judd, Becky Scoggins, Barbara Evans, Kasey Mayfield and Assistant City Supervisor Myles Adams.

Mayor Darnell 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 visitor Wes Weishaar to the agenda.

Motion by Nading, second by Seaman to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Dominguez to approve the Minutes of the rescheduled meeting held January 14, 2025. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

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

Boyd questioned the payment to the SEKRPC and Crumrine stated that the fee was from the termination of their administration of the KDHE loan and their fee on the loan closing.

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

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3722** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 38156.42
Other Funds	<u>84809.77</u>
Total of all Funds	\$ 122966.19

**MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS**

**Melissa Hockett** was present to discuss the nuisance violation on property owned by her husband and her. Pictures were passed around for the council's review. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to extend the nuisance deadline to April 1, 2025. Motion carried.

**Wes Weishaar with BG Consultants** was present to give the governing body an update on the sewer project. Also discussed during this time was the identification of concerns and recommendations with the main lift station on Willow St. It was reported that if KDHE funding was used, the project would need to go out for bids, etc. but Crumrine had contacted the Kansas Water Office, and the grant funds could be used for the emergency issue with the lift station.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to allow BG Consultants to do an evaluation of our main lift station. Motion carried.

**K. Adams** discussed the rental spreadsheet that was provided to the council and noted that the \$25 rental fee does not cover the expenses for the Mae Lessley community building. Two options of raising the rental fee by \$10 and \$25 were discussed.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to increase the rental fee from \$25 to \$35. Motion carried. Debbie Yost questioned the rentals that have already been made and was told that those would be honored at the \$25 fee.

**Mayor Darnell** noted that the old Barr Lumber building was on the ground.

**Boyd** discussed the junk vehicles in the city and wants to see the enforcement be more proactive. Becky Scoggins questioned the RV that is parked in front of the old Shorthorn building and if someone was living in it. This will be checked into further.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ASSISTANT CITY CLERK APPOINTMENT**

Mayor Darnell reinstated Amy Wilkinson as the assistant city clerk.

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to confirm the reinstatement. Motion carried.

### **SEWER PROJECT UPDATE**

Crumrine reported that the Kansas Department of Commerce was reviewing the CDBG time extension and that the request for funds would not be approved until the time extension was approved.

### **CLEANING POSITION APPLICATIONS**

Two applications for the cleaning position were received. Discussion followed.

Mayor Darnell appointed Ann McKinzie to the cleaning position.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to confirm the appointment and hourly wage will be \$10.

Motion carried.

### **COUNCIL VACANCY**

Paperwork had been turned in by two parties that were interested in filling the vacancy caused by Maria Billingsly's resignation.

Motion by Boyd, second by Nading to elect Chuck Bentley to fill the council vacancy. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Seal

---

Mayor

---

City Clerk