

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

March 17, 2025

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 17, 2025,  
at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ryan Darnell.

PRESENT: Council Members/ Bob Boyd, Justin Nading, Chuck Bentley, Ernie Wulf, Linda Seaman and Brenda Dominguez @ 7:13 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni Crumrine, Police Sergeant Travis Rakestraw, Attorney Shane Adamson, Assistant City Clerk Amy Wilkinson, Utility Bookkeeper/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Officer Jason Wammack, Barb and Phil Harris, Jessica Morgan, Roberta Carter, Ashley Judd, Scherrill Grissom, Rebecca Scoggins, Kim Riddle, Melony and David Stokesberry, Tammy and Lee Bushong.

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

It was requested to add David Stokesberry, Becky Scoggins and Scherrill Grissom as visitors and an executive session for non-elected personnel to be added to new business. Motion by Seaman, second by Nading to approve the Agenda with additions. Motion carried.

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

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

Boyd highlighted the interest increase on two CDs. Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

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

**APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 3726** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 36,065.18
Other Funds	<u>\$ 408,698.01</u>
Total of all Funds	\$444,763.19

**MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS**

**Kim Riddle** with Bill Thompson Insurance provided the council with an update on the 2025-2026 insurance renewal in the amount of \$121,639.00 Any adjustments made will be reflected on a future invoice. Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to renew the city insurance policy. Motion carried.

**David Stokesberry** updated the council on future proposed plans to lease the old charcoal plant for use as a lumber mill. He clarified the project is still in the planning phase and assured the council he would provide further updates once the plans are finalized.

**Scherrill Grissom** addressed the council regarding the need to replace the sewer service line at 314 Walnut Street. It was clarified that the city is responsible for the sewer tap, while residents are responsible from the tap to their property connection. Grissom also inquired about the trailer at 119 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, noting that the property needs attention.

**Rebecca Scoggins** provided an update on the Spring Fling scheduled for Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The road closures for the event were discussed and public works will handle barricading these areas. Motion by Dominguez second by Nading to close the streets and barricade the alleys discussed. Motion carried.

**Adams** reported a resident had inquired about cutting up a downed tree from high winds for firewood in East River Park. It was stated that a liability waiver would have to be signed.

**Darnell** reported receiving a quote from CDL Electric to repair the west side storm siren.

**Boyd** inquired about the location of the jail at the museum and it was noted that the museum board has decided to place it on the north side of the building. The tree at the museum was also discussed. Motion by Nading, second by Bentley to go out for bids for the tree removal at the museum. Motion carried.

**Phil Harris** asked about cleaning off the riverboat ramps. Mayor Darnell suggested using the firetruck to clean the ramps.

**Nading** requested approval to purchase two FirePro 200 handheld thermal units with lanyards, a spanner wrench, and five fire wraps in the amount of \$1,722.66 for the fire department. Motion by Seaman, second by Dominguez to approve the purchase of the fire equipment to be paid from the Firefighting Equipment Fund. Motion carried. Nading abstained.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **EMPLOYEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Darnell appointed Jeffery Arthur for the public works position and Myles Adams as City Supervisor. Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to confirm the appointments. Motion carried.

### **SPRING CLEANUP DATE**

The city spring cleanup was discussed. Motion by Dominguez, second by Wulf to allow the spring cleanup to be April 4<sup>th</sup> through April 14<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried.

### **JUNK VEHICLE UPDATE**

**Rakestraw** noted that the police department has continued to write junk vehicle tickets and stated that residents without utilities have had letters sent to them.

### **MOWING POSITION APPLICATIONS**

One application has been received. Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to table the mowing position application discussion until the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. Motion carried.

### **OVERHEAD DOOR BID SPECIFICATIONS**

The fire department overhead door specifications were updated to remove the existing operator on the south bay overhead door. 10x10 Door Install TDC7S1BML lift master maxum and program. Motion by Wulf, second by Bentley to update the overhead door bid specifications. Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**BUILDING PERMIT-PLAIR**

Josh Plair to move a new 10x12 portable building to 610 Maple Street, in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspector Nading recommended the approval of the permit. Motion by Dominguez, second by Wulf to approve the building permit for Plair. Motion carried. Nading abstained.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Dominguez, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Mayor, the council, Attorney Adamson, Assistant City Clerk Wilkinson, and Officer Rakestraw for a period of five (5) minutes with the session ending at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:56 p.m.

Returned: 8:01 p.m.

Mayor Darnell called the meeting back to order and asked if any action was to be taken.

Motion by Nading, second by Dominguez to allot up to \$2,500 for Officer Scofield’s legal representation. Motion carried. Boyd and Bentley voted Nay.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk