

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

May 20, 2025

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 6, 2025,
at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Bob Boyd.

PRESENT: Council Members/ Justin Nading, Chuck Bentley, Linda Seaman, Brenda Dominguez, Josh Moore and Ernie Wulf.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Amy Wilkinson, Attorney Shane Adamson, Utility Bookkeeper/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Court Clerk Patty Wilkinson, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler Interim Police Chief Wammack, Barb Harris, Roberta Carter, Tammy and Lee Bushong, Debbie Yost, Johnna McDaniel, Jimmy Oleston, Allen Bruce, Dan Campbell, Bill Moses @7:06 p.m. Kristen Campbell @7:45 p.m., and Bryan Siu @8:01 p.m.

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

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

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

Motion by Nading, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Dominguez raised concerns about the \$1,800 payment made to Bill Moses for picking up brush around town, noting that the committees were not consulted. Nading agreed with Dominguez on the importance of involving the committee members, while Boyd stated that he wanted the brush cleared before Memorial Day and foresaw that city employees were not going to get to it in time. Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 3731 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 38,252.40
Other Funds	<u>\$ 501,491.17</u>
Total of all Funds	\$ 539,743.57

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Jimmy Oleston, a resident at 811 Plum Street, inquired about the possibility of opting out of city electric service due to his use of a generator. Wulf responded that by city ordinance all residents are required to be connected to all city utilities.

Bill Moses reported that his crew collected 41 dump truck loads of brush throughout town. He noted that one ditch contained an entire tree, which he emphasized should not fall under the city's responsibility.

Johnna McDaniels requested permission to use the Mae Lessley Building for the Summer Reading Program every Monday and Thursday in June and July. Motion by Wulf, second by Moore to allow the library to use the Mae Lessley Building. Motion carried.

Tyler presented a contract from Maguire Iron Inc that requires signatures for the water tower riser replacement, scheduled to take place during the tower painting in September. The council discussed applying for the next round of funding through the Kansas Water Office and considered extending the current \$10 monthly water fee to help fund the repair. Motion by Dominguez, second by Wulf to have the city attorney draft an ordinance to extend the \$10 monthly water fee for an additional 24 months. Motion carried.

P. Wilkinson addressed the need for the municipal court to purchase an additional television as the existing one is now used by the council to record meetings. This discussion was tabled until Wilkinson can provide the total cost for the TV, stand, and installation.

Moore brought up the need to fill potholes around town. Following a discussion about selling city vehicles on Purple Wave, the council decided to amend the motion and instead go out for sealed bids. Motion by Moore, second by Bentley to amend the previous motion and advertise for sealed bids for the three vehicles. Motion carried.

Bentley discussed draining the swimming pool. There was also discussion about potential fundraising efforts and grant opportunities for pool repairs or the installation of a splashpad.

Dominguez addressed the mosquito problem at the park and brought up the SEK Works Program as a potential option for hiring youth workers during the summer.

Boyd expressed appreciation for the volunteers who have assisted with mowing the city parks and thanked Aaron Conard for removing the tree stump in East River Park. Boyd also shared photos of M. Adams' graduation from Leadership Labette, the old jail at the museum and the newly painted streetlight poles by the Silers along Main Street.

OLD BUSINESS

HOCKETT NUISANCE

The Hockett residence had a dumpster delivered this week for continued clean up.

VEHICLE REGISTERED IN KANSAS ORDINANCE No. 997

Motion by Wulf, second by Moore to approve the adoption of Ordinance No. 997 as presented. **AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING DRIVERS TO HAVE THEIR VEHICLE REGISTERED IN THE STATE OF KANSAS IF THEY ARE A RESIDENT IN THE STATE OF KANSAS MORE THAN 90 DAYS FOR THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS.**

JUNK VEHICLE LIST UPDATE

Wammack stated that he will take over responsibility for the junk vehicle list and will provide an update to the council at the next meeting.

RECLOSURE CONTROL PANEL

A Wilkinson reported that she was in contact with Sunbelt Solomon for an update on the control panel. They are expected to follow up this week with an evaluation.

HANEY COMPLAINT

Wammack reported that Officer Rakestraw spoke with the semi-truck owner regarding the noise complaint. Since no other neighbors expressed concerns, no further action will be taken.

FREE RABIES VACCINE

The veterinary clinic requested a head count of interested participants before scheduling the rabies vaccine clinic. A sign-up sheet will be available at the city office.

THIRD & WALNUT STREET TREE BID

The tree located at Third and Walnut Street was determined to be a liability to the city. Two sealed bids were received for its removal and stump grinding. Hinman Tree Trimming at \$3,500 and Bill's Lawn Service at \$3,400.00. Motion by Wulf, second by Moore to award the job to Bill's Lawn Service. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCIL POSITIONS

Wilkinson reminded the council that there are three open positions and the filing deadline is June 2nd by noon.

KRWA WATER SYSTEM WORKSHOP

Paul Trinkle requested approval to attend the free KRWA Water System Workshop on June 11th in Independence, Kansas. Motion by Dominguez, second by Nading to approve Trinkle's attendance. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMIT-BELKNAP

Joe and Anita Belknap to remove back porch roof and build a new 12x20 roof at 310 Plum Street, in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspector Nading recommended the approval of the permit. Motion by Dominguez, second by Seaman to approve the building permit for Belknap. Motion carried. Nading abstained.

PUBLIC WORKS APPLICATION

Dan Campbell was interviewed for the public works position. Motion by Wulf, second by Dominguez to hire Campbell. Motion carried. Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to set the starting hourly wage at \$18.00 per hour. Motion carried.

POLICE OFFICER APPLICATION

The council reviewed two part-time police officer applications. Motion by Wulf, second by Moore to hire Allen Bruce. Motion carried. Motion by Dominguez, second by Nading to hire Bryan Siu. Motion carried.

LAWELLIN PLUMBING AGREEMENT

Following a discussion with Zack Lawellin, the city has agreed to contact him on all future plumbing issues that are beyond the capabilities of city employees. Motion by Wulf, second by Moore to enter into an agreement with Lawellin. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, the council, Attorney Adamson, and Jason Wammack for a period of ten (10) minutes with the session ending at 9:18 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:08 p.m.

Returned: 9:18 p.m.

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

Motion by Nading, second by Dominguez to remove “Interim” designation from Wammack’s title and increase his pay to \$27 per hour as Police Chief. Motion carried. Mayor Boyd appointed Jason Wammack as Police Chief. Motion by Nading, second by Dominguez to confirm the mayor’s appointment. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk