

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

August 19, 2025

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Bob Boyd.

PRESENT: Council Members/Linda Seaman, Betsy Koontz, Justin Nading, Ernie Wulf and Chuck Bentley.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Amy Wilkinson, Police Chief Jason Wammack, Attorney Shane Adamson, Utility Bookkeeper/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Court Clerk Patty Wilkinson, City Supervisor Myles Adams, Officer Gracie Mann, Debbie Yost, Barb Harris, Tammy Bushong, Jessica Morgan at 7:02 p.m. Ashley Judd at 7:03 p.m. and Becky Scoggins at 7:17 p.m.

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

Motion by Wulf, second by Koontz to approve the Agenda, adding Barb Harris as a visitor. Motion carried. Harris stated there was a culvert washing out on the curve near 419 N. 3rd Street. Boyd stated this would be looked into.

Motion by Wulf, second by Nading to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2025, regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

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

M. Adams reported that the sanitation truck had two injectors replaced and the air brake issue resolved. However, the radiator still needs cleaning, which is causing the truck to overheat. Motion by Nading, second by Wulf to schedule the repair at Fleet Maintenance Solutions. Motion carried. Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried. Boyd noted that Rob Darnell will be filling in during Morgan's vacation.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3737 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 42,134.12
Other Funds	<u>\$ 109,231.36</u>
Total of all Funds	\$ 151,365.48

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Fred and Chris Goddard, owners of Russell Creek Engineering LLC, voiced concerns about electrical issues that prevent them from adding new machines. Chris explained that the primary lines are experiencing a low-voltage problem. Bentley stated he had looked into the issue and that a request would be made for Liberty Utilities to check the power supply input.

Rebecca Scoggins, reported that she had volunteers willing to paint the light poles on Main Street and requested to coordinate with city staff to remove the street signs beforehand.

KDOT will be contacted regarding sign removal for the project. A discussion followed on when the painting would begin. Scoggins also noted that she had to purchase a new air conditioning unit due to the recent power outages.

M. Adams reported that smoke testing has been completed in the areas of the new sewer project.

Wammack stated that the enforcement of the new ordinance regarding out-of-state license tags is underway. Mayor Boyd requested that the PD provide a written list of offending vehicles. He also noted that a community forum is being organized to address the city's electrical issues.

Nading stated he is looking into 2 other townships for mutual aid and expressed appreciation for the mutual aid received during the recent fire. Boyd also thanked the surrounding fire departments for their assistance in bringing the fire at 127 S. 4th Street on August 7th under control and commended Officer Amann for discovering it.

Bentley stated that the bucket trucks need flood lights, noting that the recent power outage highlighted the necessity of having them installed. Motion by Nading, second by Koontz to approve up to \$1500.00 for lightning on both bucket trucks. Motion carried. Wulf added that he had some lights available and Fred Goddard offered his services to install the lights at cost.

OLD BUSINESS:

JUNK VEHICLE LIST UPDATE

Wammack reported that several junk vehicles have been moved and additional certified letters are being sent out. Boyd noted that a car has been parked in the Hornet addition for an extended period and Wammack responded that he has spoken with the owner.

WATER TAP FEE ORDINANCE

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve Ordinance No.1004. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1004/AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS TO AMEND CHAPTER 15 UTILITIES, ARTICLE 2: WATER, SECTION NUMBER 15-207: CONNECTION FEES.

OPEN RECORDS FEE ORDINANCE

This ordinance has been tabled in light of the recent approval of Kansas House Bill#2134. Attorney Adamson will review the matter.

WILLOW STREET LIFT STATION REPAIR

Bentley will investigate the thermostat issue with the lift station generator.

PROPOSED SICK PAY

This item is tabled until employees have had the opportunity to provide input on the policy.

STATUS OF SEALED BIDS ON 3 CITY VEHICLES

Moore had informed Clerk Wilkinson that he would install the batteries in the vehicles over a weekend.

NEW BUSINESS:

BUILDING PERMIT-413 PLUM STREET

Walt Posey to move in an 8x20 storage container at 413 Plum Street, in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspector Nading recommended approval of the permit. Motion by Wulf, second by Koontz to approve the building permit for Posey. Motion carried. Seaman voted nay. Nading abstained. Discussion was held over Attorney Adamson checking into other city ordinances regarding storage containers.

CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALES

Discussion was held regarding the annual garage sales. Motion by Wulf, second by Koontz to hold the city-wide garage sale on Saturday, September 6, 2025. Motion carried.

CITY-WIDE FALL CLEAN-UP

Discussion was held regarding the city-wide fall clean-up. Motion by Koontz, second by Wulf to rent the roll-off for two weeks following the city-wide garage sales, from Monday, September 8th, through Monday, September 22nd. Motion carried. The clerk will post a list of acceptable and unacceptable items.

STO/UPOC BOOK ADOPTION ORDINANCE

Clerk Wilkinson presented two ordinances to adopt, by reference, the new Standard Traffic Ordinance and the Uniform Public Offense Code Ordinance books published by the League of Kansas Municipalities. Motion by Koontz, second by Wulf to adopt Ordinance No.1006. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO 1006/AN ORDINANCE REGULATING TRAFFIC WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE STANDARD TRAFFIC ORDINANCE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 52nd EDITION, WITH CERTAIN CHANGES; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 982.

Motion by Wulf, second by Koontz to adopt Ordinance No. 1007. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO 1007/AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PUBLIC OFFENSES WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS: INCORPORATING BY REFERENCE THE UNIFORM PUBLIC OFFENSE CODE FOR KANSAS CITIES, 41st EDITION, WITH CERTAIN OMISSIONS; PROVIDING CERTAIN PENALTIES AND REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 983.

HORNET ADDITION DISCUSSION

Boyd presented a map of the Hornet Addition and discussed the possibility of putting the adjoining 8.16-acre portion of the property up for sale. The topic was previously discussed at a USD#505 school board meeting but was tabled. The property was conveyed to the city with covenants established by the School Board. Discussion followed.

FEMA FLOODPLAIN APPEAL PROCESS DISCUSSION

The 90-day appeal for the Labette County floodplain mapping was discussed. The appeals period is the last opportunity to address mapping issues for the project. Boyd stated the procedures will be printed in both the Labette Avenue and Parsons Sun newspapers.

COUNCIL VACANCY

Josh Moore gave a verbal resignation to the Clerk prior to the meeting. Boyd requested a written resignation. Jessica Morgan asked if her previous application was still valid, as she is interested in the position. Boyd stated that her application was still valid. Discussion followed and it was decided that the council vacancy will be advertised on the city's Facebook page to give everyone a chance to apply for the opening.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Wulf, second by Koontz to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the Mayor, the council, Attorney Adamson, and Clerk Wilkinson for a period of ten (10) minutes, with the session ending at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:43 p.m.

Returned: 8:53 p.m.

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

Dan Campbell's probation was discussed. It was noted that he has passed his written CDL exam and will take the air brake test this week. Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to extend Dan Campbell's probation for an additional 30 days. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to adjourn @ 8:56 p.m. Motion carried.

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Mayor

City Clerk