

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 2, 2025 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

Present: Council Members-B. Koontz, E. Wulf, J. Nading, J. Morgan, C. Bentley, L. Seaman

Also Present: Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson (via Zoom), Treasurer K. Adams, Police Chief J. Wammack, Scherrill Grissom, Nancy McKibben, Jack Getman, Beverly & Gale Hess, Allison & Zach Blades, Krista Moss, Tim & Heidi Gilbert, Katelin & Brad Meredith, Lee Bushong, Barb Harris, Waylon Pike, Andrew Porter, Bradley Wagner, Jason Quick, Brett Darnell, Toby Nading, Joe & Cindy Durnell, Randy Frazier, Bryan Sui @ 7:12, Hailee March.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance and Nading led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved (Koontz/Seaman).
- **Minutes (November 18, 2025)** approved. (Seaman/Wulf)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Koontz/Nading)
- **Court Report** approved. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Wulf/Seaman)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3744:**
 - Payroll: \$42,778.92
 - Other Funds: \$169,666.83
 - **Total: \$212,445.75**

2. 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT PUBLIC HEARING:

- **Mayor Boyd** opened the public hearing for the Water Fund needing increased due to unbudgeted water tower repairs. No public comments were presented for discussion.
 - Motion to adopt the 2025 Budget Amendment as written. (Koontz/Wulf)
Clerk Wilkinson circulated the certificate page for the governing body signatures.
 - Motion to close the Budget Amendment Public Hearing. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Mayor Boyd** thanked visitors for attending council meeting and quoted from the League of Kansas Municipalities Governing Body Handbook regarding Public Comment.

3. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **Scott Day of Day Insurance Solutions** presented 2026 employee healthcare proposal.
 - Motion to approve the renewal of the city's health, dental, and vision insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield and FCMI with no premium increase for 2026. (Nading/Wulf)
- **Brett Darnell** discussed fundraising for the Elmore Park ball field lights.
 - Motion to allow a Softball Tournament on December 21st. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Tim Gilbert of Dam Diner** requested the city council reconsider his liquor license application and discussion commenced.
 - Motion to bring back the liquor license for revote. (Nading/Wulf)
 - Motion to approve The Dam Diner liquor license application. (Nading/Wulf/Bentley/Morgan-yes) (Seaman/Koontz-No)

- Mayor Boyd noted City Code Chapter 3, Article 5; Section 3-502(a); requires a \$500.00 biannual fee for Drinking Establishments.

4. Department Updates:

- **City Clerk A. Wilkinson** presented small bucket truck repair quote.
 - Motion to authorize repairs by Fleet Maintenance Solutions, LLC with estimate of \$3200.00 (Wulf/Nading)
- **Police Chief Wammack:** made a statement regarding issues with a Governing Body member's inappropriate action towards a city police officer.
 - Council President asked for the council member's resignation from council.
 - Council Member refused to submit requested resignation.

5. Council Discussion:

- **Nading** discussed need to establish maximum occupancy of persons in council room.
 - Motion to create ordinance for maximum of 65 people at a time. (Nading/Koontz)
- **Wulf** stated he, in addition to another council member, would like to serve as a liaison with local businesses to give owners a direct voice on their issues/concerns.

6. Mayor's Report:

- Encouraged council to reconsider how customer water leak adjustments are calculated.
 - City is losing too much money on water leaks that are no fault of the city.

7. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repairs:** Bentley has repair parts on hand.
- **Russell Creek Engineering, LLC:** Bentley stated he plans to set the electric pole soon.
- **Solid Waste Committee Meeting:** Boyd stated we need a transfer station backup plan.

8. New Business:

- **Court Clerk/Payroll Clerk Appointment:** Mayor Boyd appointed Mylee George to the Court Clerk/Payroll Clerk Position at a compensation rate of \$17.00 per hour.
 - Motion to confirm Mayor's appointment. (Nading/Koontz); Morgan Abstained.
- **City Employee Christmas Party:** Saturday, December 13th at 6:00 p.m., Mae Lessley.
 - Motion to set the spending limit at \$2,500.00. (Seaman/Wulf)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. by (Seaman/Nading).

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Mayor

Clerk