

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: December 23, 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, Treasurer K. Adams, Police Chief J. Wammack, Aaron & Nichole Conard, Sally Davis, Tammy Bushong, and David O'Banion.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance and Seaman led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved with additions. (Nading/Wulf)
- **Minutes (December 2, 2025)** approved. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Minutes (December 16, 2025)** Lack of Quorum approved. (Wulf/Seaman)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Koontz/Nading)
- **Court Report** approved. (Wulf/Morgan)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3745:**
 - Payroll: \$39,079.75
 - Other Funds: \$70,768.44
 - **Total: \$109,848.19**

2. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **David O'Banion** requested a water leak adjustment for apartments @ 109 N. 6th Street.
 - Motion to allow leak adjustment at city wholesale cost. (Wulf/Bentley)
- **Tammy Bushong** briefed council on her plans to open a medical clinic @621 Cherry Street in January of 2026.
- **Aaron Conard** discussed purchasing the property @ 309 Maple Street.
 - Governing Body agreed to remove existing communication tower on property.
 - Motion to allow Mayor to sign the sales contract for \$20,000.00. (Wulf/Koontz)

3. Department Updates:

- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Thanked the Mayor and Council for the Christmas Party on behalf of all city employees.
 - Requested to be notified if a council member is unable to attend meeting.
- **City Treasurer (K. Adams):** stated illegal trash dumping is occurring in park dumpsters.
- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** discussed recent Post Office vandalism incidents.
- **City Attorney (S. Adamson):** Officer Eichler demand letter sent to new Kansas address.

4. Council Discussion:

- **Nading:** announced fire department was awarded 100% grant for 3 sets of bunker gear.

5. Mayor's Report:

- Praised city employees for contributing to a successful year despite many challenges.

6. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repairs:** Bentley has replaced the switch but still needs to wrap the exhaust.
- **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.
- **Sewer Tap Fee Ordinance:** Motion to approve Ordinance #1008. (Wulf/Koontz)
- **Council Room Maximum Occupancy:** 65 people max occupancy in council chambers.
- **City Vehicles Sealed Bids:** Rocky Hill Salvage and David Schertz submitted sealed bids.
 - Motion to accept David Schertz's bid of \$800 each on all 4 remaining vehicles for a total of \$3,200. (Wulf/Morgan)
- **Storage Container Ordinance:** discussed adding question to current building permit.
 - Motion to accept Chapter 4; Article 2; Section 4-210, addition of Shipping Container Ordinance as written. (Wulf/Morgan) (Nading abstains)

7. New Business:

- **Employee Probation:** Mayor Boyd commented on Lucas Wilkinson's work ethic.
 - Motion to remove employee from 90-day probation. (Nading/Koontz)
- **CMB License Approval:** Motion to approve Jump Start and Carm N Dales 2026 application renewals. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Library Board Resignations/Appointments:** Mayor Boyd read Maria Todd and Lindsey Littrell's resignations and appointed Marilyn Mayfield, David Blaich & Scherrill Grissom.
 - Motion to accept both resignations. (Seaman/Wulf)
 - Motion to confirm Mayor's appointments. (Wulf/Nading)

8. Executive Session:

- Motion to go into executive session for pending litigation with the Mayor, Council, Attorney, and Clerk for 10 minutes at 8:08 p.m. (Wulf/Seaman) Mayor Boyd called meeting back to regular session and asked council if any action was to be taken.
 - Motion to give Attorney Adamson authority to converse with County Counselor concerning county transfer station issue. (Koontz/Wulf)
- Motion to enter back into executive session for non-elected personnel with the Mayor, Council, and Attorney for 5 minutes at 8:19 p.m. (Wulf/Seaman) Mayor Boyd called the meeting back to order and asked if any action was to be taken.
 - Motion to move Luke Wilkinson to shop foreman effective January 2026. (Wulf/Bentley)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. (Seaman/Wulf)

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Mayor

Clerk