

## City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** January 6, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

**Presiding:** Mayor Bob Boyd

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

**Absent:** J. Morgan

**Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Treasurer K. Adams, Police Chief J. Wammack, Officer DeVaughn Amann, Court Clerk Patty Wilkinson, Assistant Court Clerk Mylee George, Tammy Bushong, Scherrill Grissom, Jason Quick, Bradley Wagner, David Hubbell, Debbie Yost, and Seth Brown.

### **1. Opening:**

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance and Koontz led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved with additions. (Nading/Wulf)
- **Minutes (December 23, 2025)** approved. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3746:**
  - Payroll: \$45851.57
  - Other Funds: \$168,195.29
  - **Total: \$214,046.86**

### **2. Visitors & Public Comments:**

### **3. Department Updates:**

- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** reminded public that Chetopa Residents Facebook page is not City affiliated and all official complaints must go through the office.
- **City Treasurer (K. Adams):** stated our drive-through window is now open for business.
- **Court Clerk (P. Wilkinson):** noted that trainee Mylee George is doing an excellent job.
- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** reported officers Mann and Sharp were performing well at the KLETA and additional junk vehicle notices were being issued.
- **Water Treatment Plant Supervisor (M. Tyler):** stated trainee Jason Morgan was doing well and is enrolled in KDHE recommended training classes.

### **4. Council Discussion:**

- **Koontz:** Discussed personally financing the riverbank fencing project.

### **5. Mayor's Report:**

- Noted the office ladies have collected over \$30,000 in back utilities.
- Showed photos of the Elmore Park riverbank electric pole reinforcement.
- Noted the digger truck was used to remove old FD tower on Maple Street.

- Briefed sewer main issues on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Street alley between Walnut and Elm Streets.
  - Parsons PW jet-rodged main sewer line and Lawellin B&T installed new tap.
  - Unrelated to the recent KDHE sewer project.

## 6. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair:** Bentley-wrap exhaust pipe insulation.
- **Russell Creek Engineering, LLC:** Bentley-install second electric pole for platform.
- **Officer Eichler Restitution:** Adamson-file motion to serve after January 9<sup>th</sup> deadline.
- **Storage Container Ordinance:** Adamson-present ordinance to council at next meeting.

## 7. New Business:

- **Oath of Office:** City Clerk administered oath to councilmember Nading, Koontz & Wulf.
- **FD 4Q2025 Run Pay:** Motion to approve \$480.00. (Wulf/Koontz) (Nading abstained)
- **Employee Vacation Approvals:**
  - Motion to approve Trimble 5 vacation days. (Seaman/Wulf)
  - Motion to approve Tyler 12 vacation days. (Nading/Wulf)
- **Water Treatment Plant Employee:** Motion to permanently move Jason Morgan from Public Works Dept. to Water Treatment Plant, effective April 6, 2026. (Wulf/Seaman)
- **Higher Calling Contract:** Motion for Mayor to sign 2026 IT services contract in the amount of \$11, 541.00 (Wulf/Nading)
- **Building Permit (BP) Approvals:**
  - Motion to approve Schaper BP-319 S. 6<sup>th</sup> St. (Wulf/Koontz) (Nading abstained)
  - Motion to approve Belknap BP-310 Plum St. (Wulf/Seaman) (Nading abstained)

## 8. Executive Session(s):

- Motion to go into executive session for non-elected personnel with Mayor, Council, and Attorney for 5 minutes at 7:41 p.m. (Koontz/Bentley) Mayor Boyd called meeting back to regular session and asked council if any action was to be taken.
  - Motion to enter back into executive session for non-elected personnel with Mayor, Council, Police Chief, Attorney and Seth Brown for 20 minutes at 7:48 p.m. (Seaman/Koontz) Mayor Boyd called the meeting back to order and asked if any action was to be taken.
  - Motion to enter back into executive session for non-elected personnel with Mayor, Council, Police Chief, Attorney, and Seth Brown for 10 minutes at 8:09 p.m. (Seaman/Wulf) Mayor Boyd called the meeting back to order and asked if any action was to be taken.
  - Motion to give Mayor authority to purchase K9-Negan upon medical checkup for \$3,000.00 and upon inspection of 2020 Dodge Durango with all associated equipment for \$16,000.00. (Nading/Wulf) (Koontz voted Nay)

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m. (Seaman/Nading)

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Mayor

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Clerk