

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 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 and J. Morgan

Also Present: Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Treasurer K. Adams, Police Chief J. Wammack, Officer Corie Brown, Court Clerk M. George, Debbie Yost, Barb Harris, Pauline Brecheisen, Lenora Humphrey, Johnna McDaniel, David Blaich, and Bonnie Mozingo.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance and Koontz led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved with additions. (Nading/Seaman)
- **Minutes (February 3, 2026)** approved. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Court Report** approved. (Wulf/Seaman)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Wulf/Koontz)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3749:**
 - Payroll: \$81,738.25
 - Other Funds: \$131,869.41
 - **Total: \$213, 607.66**

2. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Close-Out Hearing:

- \$599,000 CDBG sewer project grant presented for review and discussed.
 - Mayor Boyd opened the floor for public comments.
 - Punch-out list confirmed to be completed.
 - Motion for Mayor to sign close-out transmittal documents. (Koontz/Nading)
 - Mayor thanked South East Kansas Regional Planning Commission (SEKRPC).

3. Employee Hire:

- Corie Brown introduced as a candidate for full-time police officer position.
 - Chief Wammack addressed and clarified questions regarding nepotism concerns.
 - Attorney Adamson explained definition and confirmed eligibility.
 - Mayor Boyd appointed Brown to full-time Police Officer Sergeant position.
 - Motion to confirm appointment. (Nading/Seaman) (Wulf-aye), (Bentley, Koontz & Morgan-nay); (Mayor broke tie in favor).

4. Council Discussion:

- **Seaman:** inquired on behalf of Maggy Robison regarding a Project Prom donation.
 - Motion to donate \$200.00 for Junior/Senior Prom. (Nading/Wulf)
- **Koontz:** questioned part-time officer hiring process by Police Chief versus Council.

- It was stated Police Committee is informed of part-time certified officer hires.
- **Morgan:** inquired about condition of stairs to river at Veterans Park.

5. Mayor's Report:

- Reported Veterans Park riverbank fencing project remains under pending agenda items.

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)**-stated response to petition has been submitted.
 - Former police chief to be interviewed as key witness.
- **Library Building Discussion:**
 - Library Board expressed interest in 903 Maple Street building.
 - Discussed Library investment funds to be used towards building purchase.

7. New Business:

- **Mayor's Annual Employee Appointments:**
 - Mayor made following annual employee appointments: Jerry Wilson, Municipal Judge; Jason Wammack, Police Chief; Amy Wilkinson, City Clerk/Office Manager; Shane Adamson, City Attorney; Krystal Adams, City Treasurer.
 - Motion to confirm the appointments. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Council Committees & Other Designations:**
 - Industrial & Property-Morgan & Bentley
 - Ordinance & Personnel Policy-Koontz & Nading
 - Police, Fire & First Responder-Wulf & Seaman
 - Water, Electric & Sewer-Koontz & Bentley
 - Street, Sewer & Sanitation-Nading & Morgan
 - Parks: Veterans-Seaman; Elmore-Wulf; East River-Morgan
 - Building Inspector- Nading nominated. (Wulf/Koontz)
 - Civil Defense Directors- Fire Chief Nading & Police Chief Wammack
 - Official Bank- Bank of Commerce
 - Official Newspapers-Labette Avenue & Parsons Sun.
- **President of Council:**
 - Bentley nominated Koontz (Bentley/Morgan) (Koontz abstained).
 - Seaman nominated Nading (Seaman/Wulf/Koontz) (Nading abstained).
 - Nading elected President of Council.
- **Maple Street Light Pole Painting/250th Semiquincentennial Celebration:**
 - Morgan and Nading to work with Spring Fling representatives and update Governing Body on project status/progress.
- **Resolution 2026-2; 1981 Firefighting Service Agreement Update:**

- Motion to authorize Clerk and Mayor to sign updated agreement. (Wulf/Koontz) (Nading abstains).
- Motion to approve Resolution 2026-2; 1981 Fire Fighting Service Update. (Wulf/Seaman) (Nading abstains).
- **Chetopa Aggies- Flower Donation:**
 - Motion for \$2,000.00 budget for parks mulch, paint, and flowers. (Koontz/Nading)
- **Employee Additional Job Request:**
 - Motion to approve Karin Trimble’s employment at Dam Diner. (Koontz/Bentley)
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
 - Motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel with Mayor, Council, Clerk, & Attorney for 5 minutes at 7:58 p.m. (Wulf/Koontz). Mayor called meeting back to regular session @ 8:03 p.m. and asked if any action was to be taken.
 - Mayor Boyd appointed Charles Blundell to Public Works Department with primary duties as sanitation truck helper and parks maintenance; no CDL requirement.
 - Motion to confirm Blundell’s appointment at \$15.00 per hour. (Koontz/Wulf)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. (Seaman/Koontz).

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Mayor

Clerk