

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: March 3, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

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

Not Present: J. Morgan **Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Treasurer K. Adams, Police Chief J. Wammack, Sergeant Corie Brown @ 7:02 p.m., Debbie Yost, Pauline Brecheisen, David Hubbell, Nancy McKibben, Jason Quick, Lee Bushong, Kim Riddle, Rebecca Scoggins, and Scherrill Grissom @ 7:05 p.m.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance and Seaman led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved with additions. (Nading/Seaman)
- **Minutes (February 17, 2026)** approved. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Wulf/Nading)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3750:**
 - Payroll: \$36,243.52
 - Other Funds: \$21,955.36
 - **Total: \$58,198.88**

2. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **Kim Riddle:** provided EMC insurance renewal quote 2026-2027, totaling \$122,005.
 - Motion to renew the city insurance policy. (Nading/Seaman)
- **Jason Quick:** briefed recovery meetings are held Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.
 - First Christian Church; 912 Maple Street.
- **Pauline Brecheisen:** inquired about who was responsible for debris under bridge.
 - Mayor stated bridge is KDOT's responsibility and has contacted engineer.
- **David Hubbell:** commented North cemetery roads need rock due to wash-outs.
 - It was noted Patty Wilkinson oversees the cemetery and will be contacted.

3. Department Updates:

- **Utility Billing/City Treasurer (K.Adams):** reported most recent utility billing period included January snow event and a total of 33 days.
- **Police Chief (J.Wammack):** announced Officers Sharp and Mann graduated KLETC.
 - Stated PD is now fully staffed; congratulations were expressed to both officers.

4. Council Discussion:

- **Wulf:** reported Elmore Park playground equipment wooden seats require replacement and handrail leading down to river needs repaired.

5. Mayor's Report:

- Provided GFL contract negotiations update from Solid Waste Committee Meeting.
- Noted 9th Street property to be discussed with potential buyers via zoom @ next meeting.

6. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair: (Bentley)**- wrap exhaust pipe insulation.
- **Russell Creek Engineering, LLC:** KMEA contacted for a quote on electrical upgrade.
- **Officer Eichler Restitution: (Adamson)**- needs statement from former Police Chief.
- **Library Building Discussion:**
 - Koontz reported building plan update to be provided after library board meeting.
- **Maple Street Lights/Pole Painting/ 250th Semicentennial:**
 - Nading and Morgan to coordinate with Scoggins' volunteers and develop a plan.
 - Yost asked about cables for lights across Main Street; Clerk to check with KDOT.

7. New Business:

- **Building Permit (BP) Approvals:**
 - Motion to approve Cooper BP @ 129 Maple Street after storage container discussion. (Wulf/Bentley) (Nading abstained)
- **Museum Board Appointments (every 2 years):**
 - Mayor appointed: David Hubbell, President; Barbara Evans, Vice President; Betsy Koontz, Secretary; Barb Harris, Treasurer; Janet Carter Bklackledge, Board Member; Bob Boyd, Sr., Board Member; Karla Seaman, Board Member.
 - Motion to confirm appointments. (Nading/Seaman) (Koontz abstained)
- **Foley Generator Service Agreement:**
 - Motion to explore an annual service quote versus quarterly. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **KMEA Director 2/Alternate Appointment:**
 - Motion to reappoint K.Adams as Director 2 and A. Wilkinson as Alternate. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Cottonwood & Neosho River Basin Water Assurance Assessment:**
 - Motion to pay 2026 District No.3 membership for \$1,916.48. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Easter Egg Hunt:**
 - Motion to donate \$200.00 for April 4th Easter Egg hunt in gym. (Seaman/Wulf)
- **Employee Probation:**
 - Motion to remove Court/Payroll Clerk Mylee George from probation effective March 1. (Wulf/Koontz)
- **Additional Job Request:**
 - Motion to allow Wammack to coach high school baseball team. (Seaman/Nading)
 - Motion to allow Bruce to be assistant high school baseball coach. (Wulf/Nading)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. (Koontz/Wulf).

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Mayor

Clerk