

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: April 21, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

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

Not Present: E. Wulf **Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Police Chief Jason Wammack, Officer Gracie Mann, Bonnie Mazingo, David Blaich, Lee Bushong, Virginia Davis, EldaRae LeBeau, Marilyn Mayfield, Pauline Brecheisen, Johanna McDaniel, Nancy and Dale Miller @7:05p.m.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Koontz led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved with additions. (Koontz/Seaman)
- **Minutes (April 7, 2026)** approved. (Seaman/Nading) (Koontz abstained)
- **Minutes (April 14, 2026)** approved. (Koontz/Nading)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Seaman/Koontz)
- **Court Report** approved. (Nading/Seaman)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Seaman/Nading) (Koontz Nay)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3753:**
 - Payroll: \$ 41,072.18
 - Other Funds: \$ 89,490.84
 - **Total: \$ 130,563.02**

2. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **EldaRae LeBeau:** discussed dead tree in alley @ 1020 Pecan Street.
 - Inquired about purchasing acre lot @ 9th Street property and sharing survey cost.
 - Mayor Boyd will discuss with Davis Realty.
- **Rebecca Scoggins:** requested streets be blocked for Saturday, May 2nd Spring Fling.
 - Motion to block 5th & Maple St.; 4th & 6th & Walnut Streets. (Koontz/Morgan)
- **Pauline Brecheisen:** questioned green flags and other ground markings around town.
 - Explained Atmos Energy laying new gas lines, existing utility lines being marked.

3. Department Updates:

- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** informed council of an individual scamming residents.
 - Requested revision of city code to address soliciting for services performed.

4. Council Discussion:

- **Bentley:** reminded Friday, April 24th @ 8:00 a.m. park cleanup; noted Veterans Park looked nice.
 - Requested work order to unplug Elmore Park culvert and wash off boat ramps.
- **Koontz:** questioned solicitors' section in City Code of Ordinances.
 - Discussed reasoning for assigning 3 public works employees to trash truck duty.

- **Seaman:** requested a nuisance letter be sent to 201 N. 11th Street property owner.

5. Mayor's Report:

- Discussed Attorney General letter concerning a council meeting procedural error last year. Mayor stated he took full responsibility and corrective action has been taken.
 - Mayor, Clerk, and all councilmembers will be attending virtual KOMA training.
 - Attorney Adamson stated training is open to the public but is proprietary so no filming will be allowed and no city business will be conducted.
- Reported shop employees repaired flashing school zone sign and rebuilt old dumpsters.
- Noted replacement of broken N. 8th street electric pole was result of storm damage.
 - Electrical supplies ordered for new lineman's electrical system upgrade plan.
 - Requested residents be patient and understanding as improvements are made.
- Reported water tower painting is complete but now in a curing period of 7-10 days.
 - Then 2 water samples taken 24 hours apart; Normal service by end of next week.

6. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair: (Bentley)** custom exhaust pipe ready.
- **Library Building Discussion:** Bonnie Mozingo inquired about 903 Maple Street building.
 - Building Inspector Nading stated building was outdated inside, needing upgrades; recommended making no more than a \$70,000.00 offer.
 - Mayor reiterated previous library building was sold based on high repair costs.
 - Motion to offer Chesnutt Realty \$70,000.00. (Nading/Bentley)
- **Electrical Storage Roof Estimate:** Noted Maple St (rock), building floor wet after storm.
 - Building Inspector Nading to investigate roof leak.
- **Maple Street Lights/Pole Painting/ 250th Semicentennial:**
 - Mayor requested update on painting of poles; Scoggins stated waiting on weather.

7. New Business:

- **Seasonal Mowing Application:** Two applications were reviewed for seasonal position.
 - Motion to hire Corey Shepard at \$15.00 per hour. (Morgan/Bentley)
- **Resolution 2026-3:** Special question for ½ cent sales tax renewal in Primary Election for park and street maintenance and improvements presented for approval.
 - Motion to approve Resolution 2026-3. (Koontz/Nading)
- **Employee Vacation Request:** Karin Trimble requested three vacation days.
 - Motion to allow Trimble's vacation. (Seaman/Koontz)
- **Relay for Life Boot Block:** Requested permission for June 6th from 9:00 a.m. to noon.
 - Motion to approve boot block. (Koontz/Morgan)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. (Koontz/Seaman)

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Mayor

Clerk