

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: May 5, 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, & E. Wulf

Also Present: Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Police Chief Jason Wammack, Sergeant Corie Brown, Bonnie Mozingo, David Blaich, Lee Bushong, Scherrill Grissom, Joe Payne, Barb Harris, Debbie Yost, Jason Quick, and Bradley Wagner.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Seaman led prayer.
- **Agenda** approved with additions. (Koontz/Wulf)
- **Minutes (April 21, 2026)** approved. (Nading/Seaman)
- **Treasurer's Report** approved. (Nading/Koontz)
- **Warrant Register** approved. (Wulf/Seaman)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3754:**
 - Payroll: \$ 42,970.12
 - Other Funds: \$ 36,151.54
 - **Total:** \$ 79,121.66

2. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **Debbie Yost:** Updated Bikers Across Kansas lunch stop-over in Chetopa.
 - Scheduled for June 12th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Mae Lessley building.
 - Requested portable potties be moved to Veterans Park for event.
 - Mayor thanked Yost for arranging this event.
- **Jason Quick:** Requested work order for tree limb touching electric line @1015 Plum St.

3. Department Updates:

- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** Requested Adamson revise city code to address soliciting for services performed.
- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Reminded Governing Body of KOMA training class, Thursday, May 7th @ 5:30 p.m.; stated training only, no city business will be discussed.
- **Attorney (S. Adamson):** Stated former Police Chief provided Eichler case information.

4. Council Discussion:

- **Koontz:** Noted the American Flag at Veterans Park will soon need replaced.
 - Inquired on the status of old Methodist church @ 127 S. 4th St. that burnt.
 - Building Inspector Nading will check with property owner.
- **Morgan:** Stated work order needed for drainage culvert at 4th and Walnut St.

- **Nading:** Noted Sanitation Fund balance.
 - Requested permission to contact Rob Darnell for efficient trash route training.
 - Council permission granted.
 - Stated he spoke with Labette County Emergency Manager regarding river riprap.
 - Mayor stated Corps of Engineers Letter of Intent currently being drafted.
- **Wulf:** Commented mileage on Police Department vehicles should be audited to evaluate how vehicles are being used.
 - Also stated numerous tree limbs still need to be collected. Clerk Wilkinson explained brush dump had only recently dried up enough for dump truck access.
 - Noted work order needed for rock at 3rd and Elm St., due to culvert wash-out.
- **Seaman:** Inquired about mowing status at 415 Elm St. property.

5. Mayor's Report:

- Stated patrol vehicles should be shut off to conserve fuel while stationary at PD office.
- Water tower repairs were reported as complete, with operations back to normal.
- Noted Veterans Memorial will need updated to include the United States Space Force.
 - Yost stated she will look into the matter.
- Requested permission to hire an additional journeyman to assist with certain electrical lineman tasks with Mayor or City Supervisor's approval.
 - Motion to hire an assistant journeyman for designated jobs. (Nading/Koontz)

6. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair: (Bentley)** custom exhaust pipe reordered.
- **Library Building Discussion:** Bonnie Mazingo stated the library board wants to purchase 903 Maple Street property.
 - City proposed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) releasing the City from responsibility for the HVAC system and water heater.
 - Motion to support the MOU between the City and Library Board. (Wulf/Morgan)
 - Koontz stated her concern with price of a building requiring significant upgrades.
 - Motion to authorize Mayor to offer \$80,000 and up to \$85,000, contingent upon agreed stipulations. (Wulf/Nading) (Koontz Nay)
 - Mayor congratulated Scherrill Grissom as new Library Board President.
- **Electrical Storage Roof Estimate:** Building Inspector Nading suggested getting Bids.
 - Motion to advertise for bids for 318 Maple St. roof repairs. (Nading/Koontz)
- **Maple Street Lights/Pole Painting/ 250th Semicentennial:** Nading/Morgan had no update.

7. New Business:

- **Police Department Resignation:** Job interview conducted due to an officer resignation.
 - Following financial review, Mayor recommended postponing a hire at this time.
 - Motion to approve a \$0.50 per hour pay increase for Officer Mann & Sharp retroactive to their February 27th KLETC graduation date. (Wulf/Koontz)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. (Seaman/Koontz)

Seal

Mayor

Clerk