

## City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 19, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

**Presiding:** Mayor Bob Boyd

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

**Absent:** C. Bentley **Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson via Zoom, Police Chief Jason Wammack, Sergeant Corie Brown, Water Treatment Plant (WTP) Supervisor Michael Tyler, Jason Morgan, Bonnie Mazingo, Lee Bushong, Scherrill Grissom, Joe Payne, Debbie Yost, EldaRae LeBeau, Jason Quick, Sherri Tyler and Taylene Inman.

### 1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve with addition. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)
  - Nading requested adding a non-elected personnel executive session to agenda.
- **Minutes (May 5, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Treasurer’s Report:** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Seaman; motion carried)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3755:**
  - Payroll: \$ 41,226.15
  - Other Funds: \$192,913.57
  - **Total:** **\$234,139.72**
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### 2. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **EldaRae LeBeau:** Asked about dead tree @ 1020 Pecan Street alley.
  - Mayor stated tree was in city easement and was added to removal list.
  - Inquired about one-acre lot on North 9<sup>th</sup> Street property.
    - Council voted to list the property as one parcel at previous meeting.
  - Encouraged to check eligibility for free lot in Hornet Addition.
- **Donald Payne:** Asked about removing yard light charge @ 805 Walnut Street.
  - Asked about culvert cleanout; work order already pending.
- **Debbie Yost:** Reported 364 bikers @ Veterans Park for lunch on Friday June 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - Discussed road closure and extra polycarts for event.

### 3. Department Updates:

- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** Reported nuisance mowing letters are being sent out.
- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Announced Labette County Tax Sale June 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.
- **WTP Supervisor (M. Tyler):** Noted this was final council meeting before his retirement.
  - Requested J. Morgan attend free KRWA training on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Independence.
    - Motion to approve. (Nading/Seaman; motion carried) (Morgan Abstained)
    - Discussed \$8,260 quote for #1 High Service Pump bearing replacement.
    - Motion to preapprove purchase but delay replacement until further issues arise. (Wulf/Seaman; motion carried) (Morgan abstained)

#### 4. Mayor's Report:

- Presented Tyler with a retirement appreciation plaque from City.
  - Read aloud 2026 KRWA Municipal Operations Specialist Award nomination.
- Met with Chesnutt Realty & signed contract for 903 Maple Street library building.
  - Library Board President Grissom thanked council on moving purchase forward.
    - Boyd suggested library board should begin liquidating stocks & bonds.
    - Seaman inquired about \$85,000.00 purchase price.
- Requested additional hour weekly for library cleaning and of bank room after transition.
  - Motion to approve request as stated. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried)
- Announced KOAM News will feature Chetopa history on Monday, May 25 @6:00 p.m.

#### 5. Old Business:

- **Maple Street Lights/Pole Painting/ 250<sup>th</sup> Semiquincentennial:** Nading/Morgan no update.

#### 6. New Business:

- **Conard Building Permit Approval for 303 Maple Street:**
  - Motion to approve. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)
- **Senior Citizens Board Member Appointments:**
  - Mayor appointed: Board Members: President: Nancy Whetstone; Vice President: Rose Sutton; Secretary: Jackie Moore; and Treasurer: Cheryl Dugan. Directors: Lawanda Habig; Paulette Rushin; Nancy Rice & Toni Crumrine (alternate).
    - Motion to approve appointment. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Labette Community College Customized Training & Continuing Education Program Agreement:** Continuing college education credit for employees was presented for approval.
  - Motion to accept LCC annual tuition agreement. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried)
- **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
  - Motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel: K.S.A.75-4319 (b) (1) subject: Public Works discussion with Mayor, Council & Attorney via Zoom for 10 minutes @7:38 p.m. (Nading/Seaman; motion carried). Mayor called meeting back to regular session @7:48 p.m. & asked if any action was to be taken.
  - Motion to go back into executive session for non-elected personnel: K.S.A.75-4319 (b)(1) subject: Public Works discussion with Mayor, Council & Attorney via Zoom for 10 minutes @7:49 p.m. (Nading/Koontz; motion carried) Mayor called the meeting back to order @7:59 p.m. & asked if any action was to be taken.
  - Motion to remove Article C-6 from Personal Policies and Guidelines for the City of Chetopa Manual. (Nading/Koontz; motion carried)
  - Mayor appointed Rogan Bruce as City Supervisor effective immediately.
    - Motion to confirm appointment. (Nading/Seaman; motion carried)

**Meeting Adjourned:** Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. (Koontz/Seaman; motion carried)

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