

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: June 16, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

Present: Council Members: B. Koontz, J. Nading, J. Morgan and L. Seaman.

Not Present: E. Wulf & C. Bentley **Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Police Chief Jason Wammack @ 7:04 p.m., Officer Gracie Mann @ 7:04 p.m., Utility Billing Clerk/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, City Supervisor Rogan Bruce, Water Plant Supervisor Jason Morgan, Barb Harris, Debbie Yost, Scherrill Grissom, Susan Sanderson, Rose Sutton, Nancy Whetstone, John Terry and Lee Bushong.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Koontz led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve with addition. (Koontz/Nading; motion carried)
- **Minutes (June 2, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve. (Seaman/Nading; motion carried)
- **Court Report:** (Seaman/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Nading; motion carried)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3757:**
 - Payroll: \$ 45,978.11
 - Other Funds: \$ 99,011.34
 - **Total:** **\$144,989.45**

2. Visitors & Public Comments:

- **Nancy Whetstone:** Requested approval for a farmers market at Senior Citizens Center for 3 hours every other Saturday, giving citizens 55 and older a 10% discount.
 - Motion to approve request. (Nading/Morgan; motion carried)
- **John Terry:** IdeaTek fiber optic internet representative briefed council on future plans.
 - Presented City of Chetopa franchise agreement for review.
- **Susan Sanderson:** 931 Plum Street owner, complained about several area properties.
 - Mowing process was explained, as well as proper complaint reporting process.
- **Debbie Yost:** Thanked the City for how nice the parks look.
- **Lee Bushong:** Questioned why a city employee has out-of-state vehicle tags.
 - Also questioned why some public works employees haven't obtained their CDL.
- **Scherrill Grissom:** Thanked the City for their efforts to purchase new library building.

3. Department Updates:

- **Water Plant Supervisor (J. Morgan):** Reported KDHE inspection went well.
 - Gave update on Chlorine Dioxide training class he recently attended.
 - Inquired with Fire Chief about Emergency Response Plan with Fire Dept.
- **Utility Billing Clerk/City Treasurer (K. Adams):** Reported an ordinance will need drafted to allow CBK collection agency to charge customers for overdue utility accounts.
- **City Supervisor (R. Bruce):** Informed City waiting on Eubanks for front loader repair.

- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Stated Jakes Fireworks would not set up sales tent this year; however, Fleet Service Maintenance has a permit to sell again this year.
- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** Reported PD received a free \$1100 Portable Breath Tester.
 - Stated this weekend is softball fundraiser for PD equipment purchase.
 - Explained vehicle trading program through Chicago Motors to downsize fleet.
 - Motion to allow PD to check into what deals are available.
(Nading/Seaman; motion carried)

4. Council Discussion:

- **Koontz:** Commented that limbs still need to be picked up and properties mowed.
 - Code enforcement is aware but heavy rains have hampered progress.
- **Nading:** Stated he was pleased with job that Bruce is doing as City Supervisor.
 - Motion to increase Bruce's wages to \$20.05 per hour effective immediately.
(Nading/Seaman; motion carried.) (Koontz voted no)

5. Mayor's Report:

- Thanked all volunteers for helping feed 421 Bikers Across Kansas on Friday, June 12th
- Thanked public works as they were called out several times over storms, great response time in getting citizen's electric back on, as well as the police department for assistance.
 - Reported our lineman brought 2 journeymen to assist with pole repairs on Elm St.
- Noted June 24th is scheduled county tax sale for delinquent 2015 and prior properties.
- Briefed council on KDOT removal plan in July of driftwood on river bridge pylons.
- Read Labette County Relay for Life thank you card for allowing boot-block fundraiser.

6. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair (Bentley):** Custom pipe needs picked up.
- **Maple Street Lights/Pole Painting/ 250th Semiquicentennial:** Public Works crew to paint poles currently black back to silver and hang banners.
- **N. 9th Street Property:** Discussion regarding head of cattle allowed for 8 acres.
- **Library Building Discussion:** Motion to allow Mayor to purchase 903 Maple Street property at \$85,000, while also giving Mayor authority to sign all closing paperwork and deed. (Nading/Morgan; motion carried) (Koontz voted no)
- **Electrical Storage Roof Inspection (Nading):** No sealed bids were received.
 - Motion to extend bid opening for another month to close on July 20th
(Nading/Koontz; motion carried)
- **Officer Eichler Restitution (Shane):** No update was given. Mayor requested that this be finished as soon as possible.

7. New Business:

- **Cleaning Position:** Motion to raise Ann McKenzie's wages to \$15.00 per hour, effective immediately. (Koontz/Nading; motion carried)

- **Fire Department 2026 Roster Confirmation:**

- Mayor appointed: Fire Chief Justin Nading; Assistant Chief Ryan Darnell; Captain Nathan Blackledge; Captain Lane Rathjen; Lieutenant Lane Kabrey; Lieutenant Tait Johnson; Firefighters: Andre Appleton, Jeremy Bates, Steve Blackledge, Charlie Blundell, Kyle Darnell, Scott Feagan, Matt Kirkwood, Zach Lawellin, Carthen Nash and Jason Wammack.
- Motion to approve appointments. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:29 p.m. (Koontz/Seaman; motion carried)

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Mayor

Clerk