

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

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

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

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

Also Present: Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson (via Zoom), Police Chief Jason Wammack, Utility Billing Clerk/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Water Plant Supervisor Jason Morgan, Shop Foreman Luke Wilkinson, @7:01 p.m. Officer Bo Sharp, Sherry Barnett, Drew Neale, Tammy and Lee Bushong.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Nading led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve. (Nading/Seaman; motion carried)
- **Minutes (July 7, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Minutes Special Council Meeting (July 14, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Seaman; motion carried)
- **Court Report:** Motion to approve. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried)
 - Koontz questioned PD fundraising money purchase without council approval.
 - City Attorney's response was purchase didn't involve taxpayer funds.
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3759:**
 - Payroll: \$ 37,322.37
 - Other Funds: \$ 70,068.63
 - **Total:** **\$107,391.00**

2. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair (Bentley):** Bentley to drill hole in casing.
- **Electrical Storage Roof Bid:** No sealed bids were received.
 - Motion to list 318 Maple Street with Davis Realty. (Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
- **Officer Eichler Restitution (Shane):** Discovery for case to be mailed by Friday.
- **Collection Fee of Delinquent Accounts (Shane):** Ordinance to repeal section 15-104 to add section (b) for the Collection of Delinquent Accounts was presented.
 - Motion to approve Ordinance No.1013. (Nading/Koontz; motion carried)

3. New Business:

- **Annual Utility Rate Increase:** Annual utility rate increases were discussed at length.
 - Motion to increase water rates by 5% except for the first 1,000 gallons; increasing electric, sewer and sanitation by 3% and trash carry-in rates from \$19.57 to \$25.00. (Nading/Koontz; motion carried) (Wulf voted No)
- **Building Permit-304 S. 6th Street (516 Plum Street):** Burnett building permit discussed.
 - Motion to approve. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)
- **STO/UPOC Book Ordinance Approval:**
 - Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1011 and 1012. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)

4. Department Updates:

- **Water Plant Supervisor (J. Morgan):** Requested \$750.00 add-on approval for written report to previous \$5,957.00 approval of 2029 Midco Diving & Marine Service contract.
 - Motion to approve addition. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried) (Morgan abstained)
 - Reported Foley Equipment serviced Caterpillar generators.
 - Gas smell detected in WTP; KDHE contacted and conducted testing.
 - Mayor authorized KDHE contractor to install monitoring well.
- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Announced City Library open house Saturday, July 25th
- **Police Chief (J. Wammack):** Stated 2023 Ford Truck has turbo and a/c issues.
 - Motion to accept repair quote of \$4,015.00 (Nading/Bentley; motion carried)
 - PD vehicles fleet program was discussed; Chief directed to obtain information.

5. Council Discussion:

- **Koontz:** Requested pay raise for Water Plant Supervisor Jason Morgan.
 - Motion to increase his hourly wages to \$20.00. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried) (Morgan abstained)
- **Morgan:** Reported streetlight out at 430 Delaware and 5th Street.
- **Nading:** Stated after July 7th motion to hire a 3rd party lawyer, League of Kansas Municipalities suggested appointing a councilmember as hiring authority.
 - Motion to give Nading, as Council President, hiring authority for investigation. (Wulf/Seaman; motion carried) (Nading abstained)
- **Seaman:** Inquired about possible asphalt repairs to 10th Street.
- **Wulf:** Stated he is receiving complaints about work being done by NPL contractors.
 - Requested Elmore Park volleyball sand pit be sprayed for weeds.

6. Mayor's Report:

- Noted no pay raises were budgeted for employees for 2027.
- Showed the Kansas Rural Water publication, Kansas Lifeline article/pictures of sewer project and Mike Tyler's Municipal Water Operations Specialist of the Year Award.
- Reminded council members their authority is exercised during official council meetings and once adjourned, they should not approach/direct city employees to perform tasks.
 - Emphasized importance of supporting city employees in public; making negative comments or implying poor work habits reflects poorly on our city as a whole.
 - Noted that city staff already face undeserved public criticism and shouldn't have our governing body working against them; contact Mayor with any concerns.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. (Seaman/Koontz; motion carried)

Seal

Mayor

Clerk