

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 4, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

Present: Council Members: J. Nading, J. Morgan, E. Wulf, L. Seaman & C. Bentley. **Absent:** B. Koontz **Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Police Chief Jason Wammack, Sergeant Corie Brown, Utility Billing Clerk/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Jason Morgan, Wastewater Operator Myles Adams, Debbie Yost, Barb Harris, Jason Quick, Scherrill Grissom, David Hubbell, Tammy and Lee Bushong.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Seaman led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
- **Minutes (July 21, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3760:**
 - Payroll: \$ 37,649.94
 - Other Funds: \$ 46,235.04
 - **Total:** \$ 83,884.98

2. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair (Bentley):** Stated repair almost complete.
- **Officer Eichler Restitution (Shane):** Reported no receipt from Eichler.
- **Utility Rate Ordinances Presented:** 5% increase for Ordinance No.1014; Water and 3% increases each for Ordinance No.'s 1015; Sewer, 1016; Sanitation and 1017; Electric.
 - Motion to approve. (Nading/Seaman; motion carried) (Wulf voted nay)

3. New Business:

- **2027 Budget Discussion:** Requested budget changes made; presented to council.
 - Public Hearing to exceed Revenue Neutral Rate and 2027 Budget Hearing set for September 8, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.

4. Department Updates:

- **Water Treatment Plant Supervisor (J. Morgan):** Reported EPA/KDHE water sample testing results from recent gasoline leak were all clear; no contaminants.
 - Inquired about KRWA Cybersecurity Awareness Webinar for WTP employees.
- **Wastewater Operator (M. Adams):** Reported city is in full compliance following recent KDHE wastewater inspection; However:
 - Mowing and tree clearing around wastewater settlement ponds is required.
 - Motion to contact Labette County Public Works Director to hire mowing employee/equipment. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried)

- Lift station access door repairs needed @ 4,000 road (hinge sprung) and N. 8th Street (lock hasp broken)
- 1 of the 2 pumps @ 4000 Road RV dump station is inoperative; contact JCI.
- Lagoon sludge levels require 10-year measurement; contact KRWA.

5. Council Discussion:

- **Bentley:** Reported speaking with contractor electrician about installing rebuilt reclosure.
- **Morgan:** Expressed gratitude for new school one-way traffic sign on N. 5th Street.
- **Seaman:** Noted overgrown property Southeast of school has been mowed and looks nice.
- **Wulf:** Noted several streetlights are not working properly.
 - Bucket truck has been repaired; streetlight maintenance can now continue.

6. Mayor's Report:

- Reported 2023 PD truck repairs completed; faulty passenger side turbocharger & AC.
 - Instructed Police Chief to continue researching lease process.
- Stated USD 505 school forum discussion to increase student enrollment went well.
- Davis Realty assessed 318 Maple Street property, suggesting a \$20,000.00 listing price.
- Senior Citizens Center Board letter donated outside storage building to City Library.

7. Visitors Report: Barb Harris stated volunteers removed boat ramp hazard; city will need to dispose of stump/root ball.

- Veterans Park Monument metal figurine displays in need of weed eating around the base.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:35 p.m. (Seaman/Wulf; motion carried)

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Mayor

Clerk