

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: August 18, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall

Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd

Present: Council Members: J. Nading, B. Koontz, E. Wulf, L. Seaman, C. Bentley & J. Morgan @ 7:03 p.m. **Also Present:** Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Sergeant Corie Brown, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Jason Morgan, Nancy McKibben, Debbie Yost, David Hubbell, Tammy Bushong and Patty Wilkinson.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Koontz led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve. (Seaman/Koontz; motion carried)
- **Minutes (August 4, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
 - (Koontz abstained)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Seaman; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3761:**
 - Payroll: \$ 36,652.29
 - Other Funds: \$ 92,319.08
 - **Total:** **\$128,971.37**

2. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair (Bentley):** Stated exhaust installed; needs radiator repair due to squirrel infestation damage.
- **Officer Eichler Restitution (Shane):** Reported no receipt received; stated will personally serve her letter next week.

3. New Business:

- **Fall Clean Up:** City-wide clean-up dates were discussed.
 - Motion to set dates of October 5th through 19th. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)
- **Adopt Ordinance No. 1018- City Sales Tax One-Half of One Percent:**
 - Motion to approve as presented. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Building Permit Applications:**
 - Motion to approve 116 Maple Street. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)
 - Motion to approve 111 Locust Street. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)

4. Department Updates:

- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Stated city-wide yard sale is set for Saturday, September 5th.
 - Requested Payroll/Court Clerk M. George attend Court Clerk Conference.
 - Motion to approve. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)

- **Water Treatment Plant Supervisor (J. Morgan):** Inquired about free KRWA Cybersecurity Awareness webinar for WTP employees to attend on August 26th.
 - Motion to approve. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried) (Morgan abstained)
- **OAK HILL CEMETERY BOARD MEETING**
 - Motion to adjourn regular council meeting to open Oak Hill Cemetery Meeting @ 7:16 p.m. (Wulf/Seaman; motion carried)
 - Motion to enter back into regular session @ 7:29 p.m. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried)

5. Council Discussion:

- **Bentley:** Stated plans to change substation SW recloser when weather cools down.
- **Koontz:** Inquired about museum side door repair.
 - City Clerk stated work order has been initiated to replace hardware.
 - Koontz stated if new door is needed, museum will share the cost.
- **Nading:** Stated City Clerk has pending PFS litigation issue with councilmember; city previously provided legal representation for past employee under similar circumstances.
 - Motion to provide up to \$3,500.00 in attorney fees. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried) (Koontz/Bentley voted nay)

6. Mayor's Report:

- Discussed 318 Maple Street Property (a.k.a. Rock Building)
 - Boyd contacted Kepner Construction to submit a bid for roof repair.
 - Motion to list for \$25,000 with Davis Realty. (Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
- Reported JCI pulled pump #1 from 4000 road lift station for in-shop assessment.
 - Labette County Public Works employee was hired to mow lagoons.
- KDOT to deliver heavy equipment to start process of bridge driftwood removal.
- Seasonal mow man, Corey Shephard's resignation letter presented; effective August 14th.
 - Motion to approve. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)
- City Supervisor, Rogan Bruce's resignation letter presented; effective August 28th.
 - Motion to approve. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried)
 - Motion to advertise for City Supervisor position. (Nading/Wulf; motion carried)
- Announced need for a Special Council Meeting on September 8, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
 - Motion to approve meeting for specific purpose of a Public Hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and 2027 Budget Hearing. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m. (Koontz/Seaman; motion carried)

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Mayor

Clerk