

City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: September 1, 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

Also Present: Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Officer Gracie Mann, Water Treatment Plant Supervisor Jason Morgan, Shop Foreman Luke Wilkinson, USD 505 Chetopa Principal Jolene Hall, David Hubbell and Tammy Bushong.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve. (Seaman/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Minutes (August 18, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Court Report:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Seaman; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3762:**
 - Payroll: \$ 35,970.31
 - Other Funds: \$ 26,990.83
 - **Total:** \$ 62,961.14

2. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair (Bentley):** Stated searching for radiator.
- **Officer Eichler Restitution (Shane):** Reported certified mail was considered lost; going to serve her personally.

3. New Business:

- **IDEATEK Telecom Franchise Agreement:** Ordinance No.1019 was presented.
 - Motion to approve. (Koontz/Nading; motion carried)

4. Department Updates:

- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Reminded Special Meeting to be held Tuesday, September 8th at 7:00 p.m. for the specific purpose of holding a Public Hearing to exceed the Revenue Neutral Rate and the 2027 Budget Hearing.

5. Council Discussion:

- **Koontz:** Inquired if City would fund Councilmember Bentley's attorney fees.
 - Motion to authorize \$2,500.00 for his attorney fees. (Koontz/Morgan)

(Roll call vote: Wulf- no; Koontz- yes; Morgan- yes; Seaman- no; Nading- no; Bentley abstained; motion failed)

- Asked for clarification of Mayor's statement concerning city councilmembers being on city property other than to pay their personal utility bills.
 - Mayor Boyd clarified that councilmembers are allowed on city property to conduct official council committee business but can't task city employees.
 - Also commented signs were placed on city property for insurance purposes as former employees were coming onto city property.
 - Wulf stated we have no right to leave public space and enter into personal offices without explicit permission or invitation to do so.
- **Wulf:** Requested permission to have softball tournament @ Elmore Park September 19th
 - Motion to approve. (Nading/Morgan; motion carried) (Wulf abstained)
 - Noted electric poles for the ballfield are on site but still need electrical wire.
- **Nading:** Reported Fire truck #7 still waiting on repair parts.
- **Morgan:** Stated streetlight is not working at 5th and Elm again.

6. Mayor's Report:

- KDOT reported driftwood removal from bridge has been delayed; however, rock pathway has been laid on North side of bridge.
- Noted Atmos Energy contractors have started concrete repairs around town.
 - Contact the City office for phone number of any Atmos Energy complaints.
 - Out-brief meeting planned with Atmos Contractors before project completion.
- Introduced Jolene Hall to discuss importance of working with city to support the school.
 - Passed out activity passes to governing body and invited city to participate in Chili Cook-Off scheduled for Friday, October 23rd prior to home football game.

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. (Seaman/Koontz; motion carried)

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Mayor

Clerk