City of Chetopa – Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 6, 2026 • **Time:** 7:00 p.m. • **Location:** City Hall
Presiding: Mayor Bob Boyd
Present: Council Members: J. Nading, B. Koontz, L. Seaman, C. Bentley, J. Morgan & E. Wulf
Also Present: Clerk A. Wilkinson, Attorney S. Adamson, Sergeant Corie Brown, Police Officer Chris Richey, Utility Billing/City Treasurer Krystal Adams, Nancy McKibben, Pam Midgett, Luke Wilkinson, Joey Midgett, David Hubbell, Pauline Brecheisen, Barb Harris, Bill Moses, Lee and Tammy Bushong.

1. Opening:

- Meeting called to order by Mayor Boyd; Pledge of Allegiance & Koontz led prayer.
- **Agenda:** Motion to approve. (Wulf/Koontz; motion carried)
- **Minutes (September 15, 2026):** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Nading; motion carried)
- **Treasurer's Report:** Motion to approve. (Seaman/Morgan; motion carried)
- **Warrant Register:** Motion to approve. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)
- **Appropriation Ordinance #3764:**
  - Payroll: $ 37,038.82
  - Other Funds: $ 68,282.06
  - **Total: $ 105,320.88**

2. Old Business:

- **Willow Street Lift Station Generator Repair (Bentley):** Waiting on radiator pricing.
- **Officer Eichler Restitution (Shane):** Reported Eichler served Discovery on Saturday, September 16 and has until October 16th to comply.

3. New Business:

- **Public Works Hours:** Requested return to Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m.- 4:30 pm.
  - Motion to approve. (Koontz/Wulf; motion carried)
- **Pumpkin Parade Donation:**
  - Motion to approve $200.00 donation. (Seaman/Wulf; motion carried)

4. Department Updates:

- **Utility Billing Clerk/City Treasurer (K. Adams):** Noted an Elmore Park camper donated extra money for camping fees, commenting on great campgrounds.
  - Requested removal of five deceased customers from delinquent utility billing.
    - Motion to write off a total of $3,053.79. (Koontz/Nading; motion carried)
- **City Clerk (A. Wilkinson):** Reminded council of chili cook-off on Friday, October 23rd.
  - Prior to Chetopa Hornet football game at USD 505 ball field.

5. Council Discussion:

- **Koontz:** Thanked the Labette County Sheriff's Department for patrolling our school zone.
    - Requested budget balance reports from city clerk at next meeting.
- **Nading:** Thanked Luke and Myles for working through the night on downed electrical pole.
    - Mayor thanked Nading for responding; PD contacted trucking company.

6. Visitors:

- Pauline Brecheisen presented utility business proposal incentive program.
    - Tabled for council to review proposal paperwork and discuss at next meeting.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- Motion to recess into executive session for non-elected personnel: K.S.A. 75-4319 (b) (1) subject: Public Works discussion with Mayor, Clerk, Council, Attorney and Utility Billing Clerk for 15 minutes @ 7:17 p.m. (Koontz/Bentley; motion carried).
- Mayor called meeting back to regular session at 7:32 p.m. & asked if any action was to be taken; no action taken.

8. Mayor's Report:

- Stated bridge driftwood removal from bridge pylons is complete.
- Reported Rock Building was shown by real estate agent but no offer received.
- North 9th Street property: interested party for potential RV Park.
- Resignation Letter from Police Department: Corie Brown to resign, last day October 15th.
    - Motion to accept resignation but allow part-time.(Wulf/Nading; motion carried)
- Nading addressed a citizen's demand letter for his resignation from City Council.
    - Stated job was not done with ill intent; offered labor reimbursement of $687.50.
    - Bentley said if laws are broken, do we just write a check and say it's okay?
    - Boyd stated the Council had addressed the job at October 21st and November 13, 2025 meetings but agreed a Motion should've been made.
    - Seaman mentioned Nading's reputation and past volunteerism for the city.
    - Koontz stated she didn't know who Nading Built was on the warrant register and stated they all need to do better as this needed to be voted on by council members.
    - Mayor Boyd stated he contacts committee members in important matters.
    - Motion to accept check #1737 in the amount of $687.50 for labor portion of Invoice #908832. (Koontz/Morgan; motion carried) (Nading abstained)

Meeting Adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. (Seaman/Koontz; motion carried)

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Mayor

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Clerk