

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE GOVERNING BODY CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS

October 20, 2015

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ron Wood.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Terry Robison, Geraldine Castle, Jim Cooper, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan and USD 505 Superintendent Bobbi Williams.

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order and asked Robison to open the meeting with prayer.

The clerk requested to add a demolition permit application to the agenda.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Robison questioned a negative balance on the treasurer's report and discussion was held concerning transfers.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3496 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 28450.69
Other Funds	<u>123984.31</u>
Total of all funds	\$152435.00

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

USD 505 Superintendent Williams handed out a monthly newsletter and reported that binders to hold the newsletters would be put at various locations within the city. Williams also stated that most likely the district would dispose of the old preschool building at 4th and Maple.

Mayor Wood gave an update on the water intake project. The Notice to Proceed had been signed and Sprouls Construction has started to haul rock but actual construction should start next week. The Project Exemption Certificate has been applied for from the Kansas Department of Revenue. The burning of the old Asylum building was discussed.

Seaman reported that she has had complaints about the semi-trucks being parked on the street north of the grocery store. Police Chief Feagan stated that there was no violation of city ordinances or traffic ordinances.

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Nash questioned where the three properties were in the condemnation process. The 90-days are up October 28th and will be put on next meeting's agenda.

Cooper asked about the status of the storm shelter grant. The Notice to Proceed had been signed with the Engineering Firm and surveying should begin soon.

Mayor Wood asked about the roll off from B-3 and Cooper asked if the \$100 rent had been waived. The clerk will contact B-3 in the morning.

Castle asked if the blocks from the building that was torn down could be used to fix the wall that has collapsed by the river. Discussion followed. The lights in the park have been fixed and there are now poly carts in the parks.

Robison asked about the office cross training. Updates will be given to the council.

Bryant inquired where the big catfish had come from and Mayor Wood reported that he had purchased it. Bryant also asked for an update on if Bartlett Coop was going to be annexed into the city limits. Mayor Wood reported that no decision had been made at this time.

Seaman asked for an update on the calling of customers with past due bills and it was reported that all but two had made payment arrangements or paid their balance. It was discussed about residents that did not get their checks until after the first.

Motion by Castle, second by Cooper to modify our agreement to allow residents who do not get their checks until after the first of the month to sign an agreement that they can pay the total bill without penalty at that time. Motion carried.

A demolition permit application was presented for Elmer Pinkston to tear down a 24'x30' garage at 1021 Plum St., in City of Chetopa. It was questioned whether Pinkston owned the property. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Nash to approve the demolition permit pending verification of ownership. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan discussed the Halloween theme for the police department event and reported that funds raised from fund raisers and VIN checks will pay for the project. Feagan asked approval to proceed with the Halloween event.

Motion by Cooper, second by Castle to give the council's approval for the police department Halloween project. Motion carried.

Mayor Wood informed the council on the electrical problem and reported that the asphalt repairs are done for the year. Cooper stated that they did a good job on the alley behind the bank.

CELL PHONE

Jeremiah Johnson is called quite frequently on his cell phone and it was asked if the city would pay the monthly service for his phone. Johnson had just recently switched to the city Verizon plan and Chief Feagan stated he could switch Johnson over to the city account instead of the individual account.

Motion by Cooper, second by Castle to roll Johnson over to the city account and pay the monthly fee. Motion carried.

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VACATION REQUEST

James Blundell, City Helper requested 4.5 days' vacation; ½ day December 24th and December 28-31, 2015.

Motion by Cooper, second by Bryant to approve the vacation request for Blundell.
Motion carried.

Bryant asked if anyone had heard anything more about a veterinarian coming to town and there was nothing to update.

Mayor Wood has asked for floor plans for charcoal plant in the event someone is interested in purchasing it, but to date has not gotten anything.

Bryant asked Police Chief Feagan if he has gotten complaints about people wondering around at night and there have been many walking and biking around.

Motion by Robison, second by Nash to adjourn. Motion carried.

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk