

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 3, 2015

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 3, 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 and Carthen Nash. Linda Seaman was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Ed Dosh, Beckie Keith, Brenda Carter, Amanda Moore, Jim Blundell and Jason Dugan.

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

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to approve the Minutes from the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Cooper, second by Bryant to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3497 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 24593.82
Other Funds	<u>102143.69</u>
Total of all funds	\$126737.51

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Carl Gream was not present but wanted the council to discuss his putting an electric fence inside his current fence to keep his livestock in. The current code states in 2-112(e) Barbed wire fences and electrically charged fences shall not be permitted for animal confines where said fences are protected by an exterior fence. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Cooper to allow Gream to put a 12 volt electric fence inside his existing fence and change code to reflect this action. Motion carried.

Brenda Carter, Beckie Keith and Amanda Moore were present to discuss the condemned property at 928 Elm. They have been trying to get a bid to remove the block walls and are waiting on B3 to call them back. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Cooper to extend the condemnation deadline on 938 Elm by thirty days. Motion carried.

Mayor Wood reported that Sprouls has started the work on the Bendway Weir for the water intake project and also that he had talked to Kevin Frogley concerning the disinfecting of the new water lines that were installed in the water project. An update was given on that project.

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Bryant reported that he had seen a different sign in the window of the old Webster/Top Line building and asked if anyone knew anything further. Mayor Wood reported that he had been contacted by someone wanting to start a business in the charcoal plant location.

Robison discussed the meters that are hard to read with Jason Dugan and Dugan informed the council on the procedure in reading the meters. Robison also asked Police Chief Feagan if there are any regulations on the installation of basketball goals on the streets as someone has one in the ground next to the asphalt of the street.

Castle asked if letters of credit are verified before accepting them in lieu of utility deposits and also asked why utilities are turned on when a resident owes a bill on the their old address.

Bryant discussed accepting letters of credit when written for someone that isn't the one paying the bill. Discussion was held but no action taken.

Cooper asked the status of the storm shelter and the clerk discussed the test pits that were dug. The survey was to have started Monday or Tuesday but no update could be given. Cooper asked Dugan if the company that did Oswego's streets had been contacted to see the cost and prep work that needed to be done. This will be checked into. It was questioned if the city had looked into customers putting in the meter loops instead of the city doing it, as no other cities do this. Discussion turned to work that was done by Frost and Dugan will be allowed to use his discretion on the businesses that he has work on the city equipment.

The clerk informed the council on the software conversion that is scheduled for Thursday and Friday and updated the council on the status of getting a dumpster from B3 for large item disposal by residents. It was reported that the ISO classification had been changed to a class 04 effective February 1, 2016 per the recent audit.

Mayor Wood discussed the swimming pool report and the electric report given to the council by Debbie Darnell.

Police Chief Feagan reviewed the stop sign request and recommended that a stop sign be installed at 6th and Plum for the East/West traffic.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to approve putting up stop signs per the police chief's recommendation. Motion carried.

An update was given on the police department involvement in the pursuit of the trucker that drove through Chetopa and was finally stopped by Miami, OK. In the deployment of the stop sticks, Officer Donfris lost a truck tire and Chief Feagan will turn the cost of the tire into the truckers insurance. The police department Halloween event was a huge success.

Robison asked how the remodel of the bulk water was coming along. Mayor Wood reported that he and Caleb Scales are working on a proposal for a new bulk water system.

Bryant discussed the cleaning of the ditches.

City Supervisor Dugan requested permission to purchase another handheld meter reader and it was asked to get a price for the next meeting. Dugan is looking into other prices for the water sampling system that Scales had requested and discussion followed.

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Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to allow Dugan to spend up to the amount allotted at the prior meeting and purchase as many sampling stations as he could. Motion carried.

Dugan had talked to the Coop about moving the oil tank to the city complex and they are currently busy but will get it moved before spring. Tree limbs are being trimmed out of the power lines in the alley and Dugan wanted to rock these alleys and permission was given. An update on the 13th Street demolition was given.

Robison gave an update on the conference call between the four cities that purchase electricity from Empire.

CONDEMNATION DISCUSSION

The deadline to have the condemnations done on structures located at 107 Maple and 518 S. 4th were up October 28th. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Cooper to proceed with the tearing down of the building located at 107 Maple St. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Cooper to tear down the structure at 518 S. 4th St., after the 107 Maple St. is completed. Motion carried.

Properties that needed mowing were discussed and it will be checked into if letter had been sent.

CHARTER ORDINANCE/CHANGING ELECTION TIMING

The clerk presented the charter ordinance to change the city elections from April to November beginning in 2017. It was asked how many signatures the council required for the nomination petition and also discussed was the appointment date for city officials. Discussion followed.

Motion by Robison, second by Nash to require 50 signatures on the nomination petition. Motion carried.

Motion by Robison, second by Nash to move the appointments of city officials to the second meeting in February. Motion carried. The clerk will research how this needs to be incorporated into the charter ordinance.

Because of the ongoing confusion of L. 2015, ch. 88, sec. 71 regarding the filling of a governing body vacancy, the LKM recommended that every city charter out of the new law.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to approve chartering out of the council vacancy procedure noted in the new law. Motion carried.

FEMA TRAINING

The clerk reminded the governing body to be completing the FEMA training requirement and give her copies of the certificates for the city FEMA file.

Robison asked about the rate increases that were included in the last rate adjustment ordinances. Debbie Darnell will be asked about this.

SKW INVOICE

An invoice from Shafer, Kline & Warren, Inc. in the amount of \$917.51 for professional services from September 4th to October 16th was presented for approval.

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Motion by Bryant, second by Robison to approve the payment of the SKW invoice.
Motion carried.

HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal premiums for the city health and dental insurance had increased 20% and the clerk has given city employees health profiles to complete for a re-entry process to see if the premiums could be adjusted downward.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk