

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

December 1, 2015

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, December 1, 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 (at 7:10 p.m.) and Linda Seaman.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Cindy and Bobby Day, Vickie and Don Gideon, Jim Blundell and Blanche North (at 7:06).

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

Mayor Wood requested that the visitors from the Church of God and condemnation discussion for the first of the year be added to the agenda.

Motion by Cooper, second by Bryant to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

Motion by Cooper, second by Castle to approve the Minutes from the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Wood questioned the Denton's and Justin Nading payments and the clerk reported that a heater had been purchased at Denton's and chains were sharpened, new chains purchased and chainsaw repair was done by Nading.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3499 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$24737.77
Other Funds	<u>29846.98</u>
Total of all funds	\$54584.75

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Representatives from the Church of God: Cindy and Bobby Day and Vickie and Don Gideon discussed the excessive water usage at the church. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant to change out the water meter and send the current meter off for testing. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to change out the water meter and hold it for two weeks to see if the new meter is registering usage to see if it's a problem with the water usage at the church before sending the current meter off for testing. Motion carried.

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The council let them know that if the meter was sent off to be tested and proven that it was reading correctly, the church would be responsible for the cost of the testing. It was asked what to pay until it could be determined if the billing was correct and the council was in agreement for them to pay a normal billing amount for the time being. (Day's and Gideon's left).

Blanch North discussed turning the utilities back on at her trailer at 130 Locust as she wanted to move back to it from Mulberry Estates. North owes a past due amount and she discussed how she intended to catch the account up. Discussion regarding the account followed.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to follow the ordinance requiring her to pay the current bill plus 1/10th of the past due balance. Motion carried.

The clerk informed North that before the utilities would be turned on at the trailer, North would need to come in and sign a payment agreement stating the above arrangements.

North informed the council that the alley behind Marriott's former house was getting torn up. City Supervisor Jason Dugan will be advised of this.

Jim Blundell reported that there were no lights on the flags at the fire station and the Senior Citizens building. Mayor Wood asked if the culvert and ditch had been taken care of that Blundell had previously brought to the council's attention and he reported the culvert has been replace but the ditch hasn't been cleaned out.

Mayor Wood informed the council that he had spoken to Holly Powers on the status of the water intake relocation project as the current intake is plugged up and they are using a pump to fill the well house. Powers reported that they are currently waiting on the screen to be built and other parts to be gotten but that the project should be done quickly after the parts are received. The big bucket truck went down and the city crews pulled it to Oswego to be worked on. Jerry Dugan reported that the main culvert in the cemetery is plugged up and holding water from draining on the south side. Jason Dugan will be scheduling the culverts to be cleaned out and was not at the meeting tonight due to a prior commitment. Attorney Dosh was also not present because of a personal issue.

Robison reported that the Senior Citizen's are getting a new sign and asked if the city crews could help put it up and the council was in agreement to assist with this.

Cooper questioned why the meters were read so early this month as this billing will have less days and next month when the weather is colder will have more days with a higher usage which will affect customers with heat pumps and who are total electric. The mayor will discuss this with Dugan in the morning.

Nash discussed a hole near the road on Franklin Street and reported that the office had contacted City Supervisor Dugan several times about it before it was finally fixed. The mayor will address this issue with Dugan also.

City Clerk Crumrine let the council know that a budget amendment hearing notice had been sent to the paper and the budget amendment forms had been put with the council's information on the table for their review. The probation for Tim Gilliland had been overlooked

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as his 90 day probation was up October 1, 2015 and he was owed holiday pay for the last two holidays.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to take Gilliland off probation retroactive to October 1, 2015 and pay him for the holiday pay due him. Motion carried.

A new veterinarian is coming in and they asked if the city still wanted to use their facility as a dog pound and wanted the city to know that the building would need to be inspected by the State before they could open. The clinic will be notified to contact Police Chief Feagan when they are ready to take dogs again. Three demolition permits were presented for approval: Dale Yates to renew a prior expired demo permit to remove the front porch and in time tear the house down at 917 Maple; Cindi McElroy to tear down existing structure at 611 Pecan and Michael McElroy to tear down existing structure at 416 Walnut, all in the City of Chetopa. Discussion followed as these properties were the ones that Mayor Wood wanted to start condemnation proceedings on.

Motion by Cooper, second by Bryant to allow 90 days to complete the demolition and if not completed within the 90 days, condemnation proceedings would be started. Motion carried. Robison voted no. Discussion followed regarding the approval of the three demolition permit applications.

Prior motion was amended by Cooper, seconded by Bryant to approve the demolition permits with the stipulation to allow 90 days to complete the demolition and if not completed within the 90 days, condemnation proceedings would be started on all three properties. Motion carried. Robison voted no.

The engineer on the community storm shelter grant will be at city hall tomorrow December 2, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. to finalize the design on the shelter and a work session will be called if a quorum is present. It was asked what time the employee Christmas party was and if employees were to bring anything. The party will begin at 6:00 p.m. and everything would be furnished. The Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas representative will be at city hall on Friday, December 4, 2015 to renew the employee medical and dental insurance and the clerk asked for permission to renew the policy with BCBS of KS.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to authorize the renewal of the employee insurance with BCBS of KS. Motion carried.

It was reported that George Elliott would be in Chetopa to look at the museum roof to give a quote. Elliott had informed the city clerk that he had previously discussed the roof issue with Joan Allen and that it would be an extensive project as he thought there were several rotted rafters in addition to the rotted boards along the edge. A phone number for Richard Houston was given for the clerk to contact to see what he could recommend.

Police Chief Feagan reported that he was able to get the Verizon router through the city with unlimited data and now the city will not have to reimburse the county for the internet service for the police and fire departments. Officer Gilliland has started the academy and will be able to work the two weeks that the academy is shut down for Christmas break. Castle asked about the trucks parked at the old city hall and an update was given. The letter had been

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delivered to the residents regarding the trash service. Nash asked about the Basketball goal and Police Chief Feagan will follow up on that complaint.

City Clerk Crumrine discussed the peddler's license application which stated that a background check is performed on applicant as there was some confusion on what kind of information could be obtained. The clerk was instructed to check into the background checks that could be done online.

Mayor Wood gave an update on Water Plant Leadman Caleb Scales. He is still waiting on getting an appointment to see what needs to be done on his heel.

CONDEMNATION PROCEEDING-938 ELM

The 30-day extension for the condemnation at 938 Elm is up on December 3, 2015 and will be on the agenda for the December 15th meeting.

CEREAL MALT BEVERAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Four Corporation CMB License application and one Individual CMB License application had been received: For Sale in original and Unopened containers-AKAS, Inc. dba Jump Start; The Shorthorn; Riverside Sporting Goods and Carm N Dales; and for Consumption on the premises-The Shorthorn.

Motion by Bryant, second by Cooper to approve the CMB License Applications. Motion carried. Robison voted no.

BUILDING PERMIT

Published without protest, Community Bible Church to move a prebuilt 16' x 24' wood building on skids to 211 Cherry St., in the City of Chetopa.

Motion by Robison, second by Nash to approve the building permit. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan informed the council that the council float would be in front of Bill Buckley's house. The condemnation invoices for the three properties that had been torn down were discussed.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk