

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

January 19, 2016

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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, Patty Amos, Robin Billingsley, Richard Houston and Bruce Boettcher.

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

A listing of additions was presented by the clerk to add visitors Bruce Boettcher and Richard Houston; Museum Board Appointment, KMU Membership Dues; Training for Water Plant Personnel; Water Intake Discussion and Sprouls Pay Request to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

Bryant questioned a deceased person on the cash bonds on the municipal court report and Patty Wilkinson reported that it was a family member not the decedent. While Wilkinson was present, Cooper asked about the court cost increase and it was explained that the Supreme Court increased the assessment for the judicial branch educational fund by \$.50 up to \$1. Of the current \$75 court cost, \$20.50 was remitted back to the state and with the Kansas Supreme Court the remittance would now be \$21.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

Cooper asked about the \$4,427,910.43 balance on the March 2014 Balance Sheet, what it was or if it was a typo. The clerk responded that that she would have to check into it but that was about the time that the city received the proceeds from the Water Project General Obligation bonds.

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 3502 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 31686.35
Other Funds	<u>145672.60</u>
Total of all funds	\$177358.95

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Patty Amos and Robin Billingsley were present to discuss the rescue of dogs from the veterinary clinic. If a dog is going to be euthanized and it is an adoptable dog, Amos “rescues” it and tries to find a good home for it. The veterinary clinic charges a \$25 boarding fee and \$15 for a rabies vaccination. Amos has been paying the \$40 in fees but hoped that something could be worked out to reduce the fees. Discussion followed in which it was noted that the city pays \$50 to euthanize a dog. Amos will visit with the veterinary clinic to negotiate price on rabies shot.

Motion by Seaman, second by Nash to have the city pay the \$25 boarding fee for rescued dogs only but exempting “vicious” dogs as defined in the ordinance. Motion carried. (Amos and Billingsley left).

Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, brought preliminary plans for the community storm shelter for the council to review. Items were reviewed and changes were discussed.

Motion by Cooper, second by Robison to approve the plans and specifications with modifications discussed and approve advertising for bids with the engineer’s time line. Motion carried. (Boettcher left)

Richard Houston discussed his recommendation concerning the museum roof. Discussion followed and Cooper will meet with Houston to inspect the roof. (Houston left)

Mayor Wood asked about the condemnations and was told the 90 day’s given with the approved building permits was not up yet. Security cameras will be scheduled to be installed and it was discussed that the meters would be read early this month due to the software conversion which will make next month’s billing have more days. The extra computer in the city office was discussed and an update on a request for the library to provide a private room for a patron to watch movies was given. A discussion on the roll off being provided for the disposal of larger items was held and it was decided to continue with the current provider.

Clerk Crumrine presented the following items:

The Museum Board requested that Betty Withrow be appointed to replace Joan Allen, who resigned. Mayor Wood appointed Betty Withrow to the museum board.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to confirm the appointment of Withrow to the museum board. Motion carried.

An invoice for 2016 KMU Electric Membership Dues in the amount of \$2476 was presented for payment. Crumrine informed the council that Altamont has used KMU training for their electric department personnel.

Motion by Nash, second by Bryant to approve payment of the KMU membership dues. Motion carried. Mayor Wood informed the council that he had discussed with City Supervisor Jason Dugan that Jeremiah Johnson was to be used during electrical issues.

Paul Trinkle requested permission to attend a Surface Water Treatment Workshop, May 4-5 in Parsons. The cost of the workshop is \$140; and it was reported that Caleb Scales would be sending Tim Grover to the KRWA Conference in Wichita.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to send Trinkle to the Parsons workshop pending approval of supervisor before registration. Motion carried.

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Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to send Grover to the Wichita KRWA conference pending approval of supervisor before registration. Motion carried.

A pay request from Sprouls Construction in the amount of \$74,879 was presented for approval and several items that SKW Inspector Holly Powers had spoken with the clerk were discussed. The council had questions regarding the pay request and other discussion items and Powers was contacted and put on speaker phone to discuss the concerns. Discussion followed.

Motion by Cooper, second by Robison to approve the payment of the Sprouls pay request. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan gave an update on an ongoing investigation and asked for approval for city crews to assist in the investigation.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to allow city crews to help the police department with the investigation. Motion carried.

JUNK VEHICLE ORDINANCE

An ordinance was prepared to add back in the condition, that if a vehicle is not currently registered it is presumed that the vehicle is junked, wrecked or inoperable. Discussion followed as to county not issuing a registration plate, but a "Title Only" registration if the vehicle was not currently running. Examples of other cities ordinances regarding the parking of semi's and trailers on city streets were also discussed at this time. Action on the adoption of the Junk Vehicle Ordinance was tabled to allow the ordinance committee to work on incorporating the "Title Only" language into the ordinance and add the parking restrictions into the ordinance.

ANIMAL CONFINEMENT ORDINANCE

An ordinance to change Section 2-112(e) to permit barbed wire and electrically charged fences for animal confines when said fences are protected by an exterior fence. After discussion, the council requested that the barbed wire be excluded from the ordinance.

Motion by Nash, second by Cooper to adopt the ordinance for animal confines with the change mentioned. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 886/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-112(e) OF ARTICLE 1 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS RELATING TO ANIMAL CONFINES; SHELTERS.

BUILDING PERMIT

Posted on Facebook and Chetopa.org website without protest: Steve Hamm to build a 10' x 16' storage building to area north of current building at 303 Maple St., in the City of Chetopa.

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

COURT COST ORDINANCE

An ordinance was presented to increase the court cost to offset the Supreme Court assessment increase and discussion followed to raise the court cost from \$75 to \$80.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to adopt the ordinance for court costs with the change. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE NO. 887/AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS, AMENDING THE AMOUNT OF COURT COST IN CASES HEARD IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS, BY REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 850.

COTTONWOOD & NEOSHO RIVER BASIN WATER ASSURANCE MEMBERSHIP

An invoice was received from the Cottonwood and Neosho River Basin Water Assurance District No. 3 in the amount of \$1991.64 for the 2016 assessment.

Motion by Nash, second by Bryant to approve the payment of the Cottonwood and Neosho River Basin Water Assurance District No. 3 membership assessment. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk