

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

March 21, 2017

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison.

PRESENT: Council Members/Geraldine Castle, Jim Cooper, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman. Gary W. Bryant and Juanita Kepner were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Carey Spoon, Robert Watkins and Kim Riddle.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3530 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 26842.28
Other Funds	<u>121034.87</u>
Total of all funds	\$147877.15

CDBG CLOSE OUT HEARING

Mayor Robison opened the close out public hearing and Grant Administrator Carey Spoon presented the documents to close out the community storm shelter CDBG project.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to process the close out documents for the CDBG project. Motion carried.

The final SEKRPC invoice in the amount of \$2000 was presented and the final request for payment of CDBG funds was presented for the mayor and clerk to sign.

Motion by Seaman, second by Castle to approve the payment of the invoice and signing the CDBG request for funds. Motion carried. (Spoon left)

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEE & VISITORS

Robert Watkins was present to discuss his utility billing at 120 Walnut St and asked for an adjustment to be made on it, as he didn't think that it was being read. Discussion followed and no action was taken on issuing an adjustment to the bill. Watkins also discussed the neighbors goats getting in the yard and eating bushes, ditch and culvert not draining and the

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water meter can to high. City Supervisor Jason Dugan will be notified of the ditch/culvert and water meter can issues. (Watkins left)

Kim Riddle with Thompson Insurance presented the insurance renewal for property, liability and work comp and informed the council that premiums had increased \$757 from last year.

Motion by Cooper, second by Seaman to approve the insurance renewal with EMC. Motion carried. (Riddle left)

Police Chief Feagan reported that he had spoken with a resident about truck tags and found that the tags that were issued had no expiration date. Other discussion items covered were uniform changes, shift coverage and when Officer Butler would return from the academy. He and the other two officers will be attending a countywide active shooting training later in the week.

City Clerk Crumrine presented the water plant generator information and brought up the water pipe issue. Cooper discussed what needed to be done,

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to proceed with digging up the transfer line, get the materials needed and have city crews get started on the repair. Motion carried.

City Clerk Crumrine presented information on the special assessment on the lots that Jim Blundell had questioned last meeting, a Refresh Leadership Event, notified the council of the Lynn Jenkins Town Meeting being cancelled and discussed the House of Prayer church. Mayor Robison volunteered to speak with Pastor Wethey on what the plans and schedule were in cleaning up the building, as there is some concern over the open well on the property. People have been asking if a Spring Clean Up would be done this year. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to schedule a Spring Clean Up. Motion carried.

City Clerk Crumrine presented information regarding the Kansas Forest Service doing an EAB Trap Tree in Chetopa to try to attract the Emerald Ash Borer to an ash tree to see if there are any insects in this area. Also presented was a proclamation to proclaim April as Fair Housing Month.

Motion by Nash, second by Cooper to allow the Kansas Forest Service to set up an EAB Trap Tree along the river. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Cooper to adopt the Fair Housing Proclamation. Motion carried.

Castle discussed the nuisance letters that were issued to McElroy and have resolutions prepared for the next council meeting. Also discussed were the dogs running at large in the city.

Mayor Robison reported that the Reeves garage had been torn down that condemnation proceedings had been started on. The public hearing is scheduled for the next meeting and will be further discussed then. Information on plans and costs concerning the Veterans Memorial being designed for Veterans Park was shown to the council. Discussion of the removal of the cedar tree at the memorial site and two other sweet gum trees was held. When the cedar tree is cut, it was approved to give the truck of the tree to council member Cooper.

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Motion by Seaman, second by Castle to take out both of the sweet gum trees. Motion carried. Nash and Cooper voted no; Seaman and Castle voted yes and Mayor Robison voted yes to break the tie.

Mayor Robison asked if the two additional port-a-johns had been ordered for the parks and Crumrine will get them ordered. It was questioned if the volleyball net had been put up and Crumrine stated that City Supervisor Dugan had been notified to put it up. It was questioned if anything could be done about mosquitos. No action was taken on this discussion.

BRIDGE LIGHTING DISCUSSION

City Supervisor Dugan was unable to attend the meeting but wanted to let the council know that the bridge light poles that had been previously discussed where not tall enough to meet KDOT clearance requirements and he is looking into other options.

ELECTION TERM FOR MAYOR

Attorney Adamson was not present to discuss the term length for the upcoming mayor election. It was his initial opinion that it would be a two year term but he had requested more information from the clerk.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk