

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

August 15, 2017

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant (at 7:07 p.m.), Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman. Juanita Kepner was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson and Jim Blundell.

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

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Koontz questioned the motion made on page 3 concerning the purchase of the mower. Her intent was that if Supervisor Dugan could get \$5000 trade in to allow the purchase of the mower, not to give him the authority to spend up to \$5000. Because Dugan had gotten the mower for less than \$5000 and had gotten the \$5000 trade in, no change was made to the minutes. In the future, motion will be read before a vote is taken.

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

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

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to approve the Treasurer Reports. Motion carried.

Koontz questioned if they could see a list of the items paid to Bartlett Co-op as the purchases were higher this month. A listing of the purchases were discussed which included the cost of repairing the Altoz mower that was previously thought to be under warranty.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3540 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 28602.95
Other Funds	<u>159516.21</u>
Total of all funds	\$188119.16

2018 BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Robison opened the 2018 budget hearing. Jim Blundell asked if anything had been put in the budget to work on the Cherry St. Lift station. The clerk responded that nothing had been presented by City Supervisor Jason Dugan on repairs needed to the lift station.

Motion by Koontz, second by Seaman to adopt the 2018 budget. Motion carried.

The hearing was closed by Mayor Robison.

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Koontz had to leave the meeting but before she left, she discussed the previous motion that had been made concerning rescinding the motion to start condemnation proceedings on the Karen Weir property and wanted the minutes to reflect that cleanup on the property was to proceed to remove the trees and brush from around the house.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to proceed with the cleanup on the Karen Weir property at 316 S. 6th St. Motion carried. (Koontz left)

Motion by Castle, second by Nash to adjourn the meeting to hold the Oak Hill Cemetery Association Board meeting and reconvene the council meeting after the board meeting was adjourned. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned.

Mayor Robison called the adjourned city council meeting back to order at 7:28 p.m.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEE & VISITOR

Attorney Adamson reported that he was working on the Wave Wireless franchise agreement with them and would report back at the next meeting.

Clerk Crumrine informed the council that Mike Tyler had received a quote on replacing the fans and heaters in the water plant but was waiting on two others and asked if the council wished to wait on receiving the other bids before any discussion and was told to hold the quote until the others are received. Tyler had asked to attend the Water Certification Prep workshop that will be held the day before and day of his testing date in December, at a cost of \$140 and one night hotel stay.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to allow Tyler to attend the training. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Dugan was not at the council meeting, but had left a list of items being worked on. The list included that the Altoz mower had been traded for a Grasshopper mower from Eubanks and it was expected to be in this week. (Trade in was \$5500); Teeters was going to start on overlaying 6 blocks in tower around the 1st of September (Bid price of \$30000-\$31000). The loader is being repaired in Joplin and should be done this week. The water plant line needs to be camera/scoped before any line replacement so that they can pin point the problem. Bryant discussed the issue at the water plant and it was reported that Goins had submitted a quote to replace the line and valve for \$6500. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to have the city crews shut the chlorine line off, dig out the line and drill a hole in the 6" line. Motion carried.

The new KPERs rule that will go into effect January 1, 2018 that will affect the contributions to KPERs on behalf of a retired employee that has returned to work was discussed. Presently the city has one employee and it was estimated that contributions would substantially increase with the 30% contribution rate after the employee earns \$25000. The council will visit with the employee on different options.

Castle reported that she had text Paul Trinkle and gave further information on the water plant repair.

Nash informed the council that James Reynolds had approached him about wanting to redo the "Welcome to Chetopa" sign and had been asked if the city could sand blast the sign and

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paint with a good quality white paint. The council asked that Reynolds get a drawing of the proposed sign and present it to the council before anything was done to the sign by city crews.

Mayor Robison had been informed that when the concrete for the Veterans Memorial had been poured there was a small area that had not been covered when the original site had been excavated and discussed putting asphalt in that area. This will be relayed to City Supervisor Dugan. Consequences of employees not getting their CDL's by the August 31st deadline were discussed. It was reported that Zach Lawellin was thinking about selling his dump truck with the blade. No action was taken. There is a meeting concerning who will provide the electricity to the city after the contact runs out with Empire, at Mt. Vernon next week and Mayor Robison asked if the council wanted to ask anything to let him know. A list of evaluators was handed out for the 2017 employee evaluations that are scheduled to begin this year.

WATER TOWER PAINTING

Clerk Crumrine had received a response from Carey Spoon that the painting of the water tower was considered maintenance and would not be an eligible activity for CDBG funding. Spoon suggested that funding may be available from USDA but it would be a loan not a grant.

RESIDENT CONCERN

Bob Boyd had contacted the clerk with concerns on the water runoff from the Dollar General project that could affect the flooding of his property. Boyd also discussed the cleaning of the alley behind him that had not been done by city crews.

VERIZON REVISED QUOTE

The clerk gave the council an updated quote on the new phone system that had been approved to be done at the last council meeting. This quote included the purchase of phone boxes for the fax machine and credit card machine. No action had to be taken from this discussion.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk