

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 7, 2017

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

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary Bryant, Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz and Carthen Nash (at 7:04 p.m.). Linda Seaman was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan (at 7:09 p.m.), Attorney Shane Adamson (at 7:07 p.m.), City Supervisor Jason Dugan (at 7:02 p.m.), David Hubbell, Jim Blundell, Debbie Cassell, Bill Neel (at 7:09 p.m.) and Officer Ronnie Butler (at 7:09 p.m.)

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

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to approve the Agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Kepner, second by Bryant to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Mayor Robison asked if there would be enough funds in Employee Benefits to last the year and the clerk stated that the health and life insurance last premiums would be paid next meeting, so there should be but she would check it again before the end of the year.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Bryant asked about the cost comparison of the chlorine for the pool and it was reported that the tablets were cheaper this year than using the bleach mixture.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3545 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$24536.28
Other Funds	<u>41772.54</u>
Total of all funds	\$66308.82

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

David Hubbell was present to discuss the difference that is being charged to the customers who live out of town. He presented a spreadsheet showing that there is a 33% difference in the rates and felt that this was too much of a spread because the rural water customers have to read their own meters and maintain their lines. The clerk was instructed to put this on the December agenda to discuss before the percentage raise is put into effect for the new rates.

Debbie Cassell was present to discuss the nonpayment of utilities on her father-in-law's home. An administrator had been appointed to pay the bills after his death and they had failed to

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get the bill paid and Cassell asked if the council would leave the utilities on as the administrator is to pay the bill soon.

Motion by Kepner, second by Castle to keep the utilities on until the administrator make the payment. Motion carried. (Cassell left).

Mayor Robison reported that he had been approached by a resident concerning their unpaid utility bill, but that they had signed a couple of payment agreement that they haven't met.

Bill Neel discussed his dispute on the use of the sidewalk by his business. It is presently going through the court system and no action was taken by the council. (Blundell left).

City Supervisor Jason Dugan reported that he has ordered the metal for the bathroom/shelter facility and that he wanted to order a spare fire hydrant but will wait until after the first of the year. Koontz noted that grass along the sidewalk by the Mae Lessley community building to the memorial needs to be trimmed. (Butler left).

Koontz inquired why the trees haven't been cut down that had been voted on at a previous meeting. Bryant reported that he had stopped the cutting of the trees as they were still living. It was decided to see if there was still interest by families to plant other trees to replace the ones scheduled to be cut down before they are removed.

Clerk Crumrine asked what is to be done with the two stone monuments that were removed from where the new Veterans Memorial was put. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to put the larger stone in the Oak Hill Cemetery and the Chetopa Veterans Park stone by the light pole in Veterans Park. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the internet has been installed in the museum, water plant and fire station and she will be contacting AT&T to disconnect the u-verse accounts. It was also mentioned that she has sent several messages to Aaron Conard about the deed on the lots on Maple St., but hasn't had any response. Mayor Robison will try to contact him. An email was presented from Kevin Rook with Sprouls Construction, on the status of the walls and Attorney Adamson was instructed to send a letter to the owner and he requested that the clerk send the section from the contract regarding warrant work and the owner's name and address to him.

Castle asked if the light on the memorial could be adjusted as it was very bright coming across the bridge.

Koontz reported that she felt there could be a sidewalk built from Pecan Street over to the Dollar General if Dollar General approved the use of the land. Koontz will meet with Bob Boyd to discuss his flooding concerns. Bryant discussed his concerns with the building permit that Boyd has applied for as he want to measure the elevation to be sure it won't flood where Boyd has it staked out to be built.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to table action on the building permit until the elevations are checked out. Motion carried.

It was reported that KDOT has stated that James Reynolds won't allow them on his property to clear the debris from the bridge piers and discussion was held on the belief that this could be causing some of the bank wall erosion. (Bryant left)

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Mayor Robison had been contacted by Twin Valley who wanted to submit a proposal to purchase the electric utility but this was not something that the city was interested in doing at this time. Mike Tyler has been discussing ways to cut the chemical cost with Brenntag. A discussion of the proposed Oak Hill Cemetery signs was held and no changes were made to the proposal.

KMEA MEMBERSHIP

An ordinance and resolution were presented for adoption to start the process of becoming members of KMEA. Also the city needs to sign off on the KMEA Resolution.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to adopt Ordinance No. 903 as presented. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 903/AN ORDINANCE CONSENTING TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CITY IN THE KANSAS MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to adopt Resolution No. 2017-6 as presented. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 2017-6/A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS APPROVING AN AMENDMENT ADDING THE CITY TO THE SECOND AMENDED AND RESTATED AGREEMENT CREATING THE KANSAS MUNICIPAL ENERGY AGENCY AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE FORM OF THE BYLAWS OF THE AGENCY.

The mayor and clerk signed off on the KMEA Resolution. Discussion turned to who would be appointed as a KMEA Director.

Motion by Koontz, second by Kepner to appoint Mayor Terry Robison to serve as the KMEA Director for the two year term expiring on April 30, 2019. Motion carried.

HEALTH/DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL DISCUSSION

A spreadsheet with insurance rate comparison from 2017 to 2018 for the Blue Cross Blue Shield premiums was presented and discussed. Scott Day with Day Insurance will be at the next council meeting November 21st to discuss the renewal with FCMI.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY

A request for \$472 for the 3rd Quarter meeting/fire run pay was received from Fire Chief Doug Moses.

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to approve the fire department pay request. Motion carried.

DATA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSE/SUPPORT FEE INVOICE

An invoice in the amount of \$2733.53 was received from Data Technologies for the 2018 Summit License and Support Fees. This was up \$79.62 from last year.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the payment of the license/support fees. Motion carried.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ORDINANCE

An ordinance was submitted for approval to charge properties for the mowing fees during the months of July, August and September.

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Motion by Nash, second by Castle to adopt Ordinance No. 904 for the special assessments. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE MAKING AND LEVYING A SPECIAL TAX UPON ALL LOTS AND PARCELS OF GROUND IN THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS LIABLE FOR THE COST AND EXPENSE OF MOWING IN SAID CITY DURING THE MONTHS OF JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 2017.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk