

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

August 7, 2018

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, August 7, 2018 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman. Juanita Kepner was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Attorney Shane Adamson, Joey Midgett, George Davis and Bonnie Mozingo.

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

It was requested to add visitor George Davis and a Non-Elected Personnel Executive Session to the Agenda.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to approve the agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3563 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$29627.36
Other Funds	<u>33141.99</u>
Total of all funds	\$62769.25

2019 BUDGET HEARING

Mayor Robison opened the 2019 budget hearing. There was no one present to discuss the budget. Clerk Crumrine discussed the final draft which increased the mil levy ½ mil and included raises for city employees as had been discussed at the previous meeting.

Motion by Seaman, second by Castle to adopt the 2019 city budget. Motion carried. Bryant and Koontz voted no. Copies were passed around for council members to sign and the budget hearing was closed.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Charles Archer was not present but the special assessment reduction was discussed as it was pointed out that not all of the city special assessments were collected in the sheriff sale, only those charged in the last tax year. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to not reduce any special assessments on properties. Motion carried. Nash voted no.

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George Davis discussed prohibiting farm animals within a proposed section of the city, showing the council a map. Discussion followed about zoning this area and Attorney Adamson will look into the procedure to implement zoning. More discussion followed concerning alpacas and horses not being kept in a humane manner. It was found that there is a discrepancy in the wording allowing barbed wire and electrically charged fencing. There will be an ordinance presented at the next council meeting to correct the code section.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to have the enforcing officer to have owners get rid of alpacas on Walnut Street and horses that are in the west end not being cared for. Motion did not carry. Bryant and Koontz voted yes; Castle, Nash and Seaman voted no.

Bonnie Mozingo wanted to know what the attorney had found out about the little cabins in the west end of town. Attorney Adamson reported that because the project was privately funded, there are no regulations that would be in place if federal money was being used to construct the cabins.

Mayor Robison reported that Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler had contacted him about the pump that pumps water from the plant that has been repaired and working now.

Koontz discussed the cutting of limbs off a dead tree on private property but if not cut would have torn down city power lines.

Castle informed council that people are plugging devices to charge in at the park shelter houses and using the Wi-Fi and leaving lights on. Options were discussed and Police Chief Feagan stated that cameras had to have the internet to work. In looking at placement of the park payment collection boxes, it was asked if cameras were still at Elmore Park as they wanted to be sure placement was where it could be monitored. Castle asked if the Internet company could keep the grass mowed where they are leasing, but it wasn't known if there was anything in the lease stating that they are responsible for mowing.

Bryant inquired if there could be a password for the Veterans Park Wi-Fi. Discussion followed and no action was taken.

Clerk Crumrine gave copies of the 2017 city audit to the governing body and discussed the auditor's letter to the mayor and council.

Attorney Adamson discussed an open records request email that the city office had received.

Police Chief Feagan informed the council that the 2016 Dodge truck was at Quality Motors getting a warranty item fixed and the 2014 Ford truck needs new tires and brakes.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to purchase tires and brakes for the 2014 Ford police truck. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan reported that Officer Rakestraw and he had been subpoenaed to testify in Wichita, that there were two arrests on theft of city services and now have a suspect in the burglaries around the 4th of July. Feagan informed the council of his injury during his assistance in the Craig County vehicle pursuit and it has been turned into work comp.

City Supervisor Midgett told the council that the partitions for the bathroom/shower project have been received and the disc golf pads are started. Discussion was held on the complaint regarding the mowing and weed eating around ditches, rightaways, street signs, utility

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poles, etc. Joey Midgett asked about passing an ordinance where residents are responsible for mowing the ditches of their properties as Oswego does. The Ordinance Committee will look into this further.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor and council present for a period of 10 minutes with session ending at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:20 p.m.

Returned: 8:30 p.m.

Mayor Robison called the meeting back to order and there was no action taken. Nash left.

BUILDING PERMIT DISCUSSION

Because there was concern with the building permit application not following the city code, the clerk requested a decision to be made whether to continue as is being done or require a building permit for all construction, enlarge or alterations. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Seaman to not require a building permit for 100 square foot or less structure. Motion carried.

An ordinance will be presented at the next meeting. Mayor Robison asked if a demolition permit is required and it was stated yes but it doesn't need to go before the council as was decided at a previous council meeting.

BUILDING PERMIT

Posted on Facebook and city website without protest, DeWayne Dantic to build a 14' 11" x 15' 10" storage building at 302 N. 13th St., in the City of Chetopa. Building Inspector Bryant had not issue with approving the permit.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to approve the Dantic building permit. Motion carried.

CHETOPA STATE BANK SIGN

Debbie Yost had discussed the installation of a new bank sign that will extend over the city sidewalk and asked for permission for this installation.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to allow the Chetopa State Bank to extend their sign using the city sidewalk. Motion carried.

RAILROAD CROSSING COMPLAINT

Dewey Brown had requested that the city contact the railroad concerning the work being done on the tracks at each intersection as it is very rough. It was reported that there is an 800 number posted for anyone to call if they have a complaint and the council left it up to the individual with the issue to call.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk