

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

January 15, 2019

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 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 (at 7:04 p.m.), Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Dalton Russell, Rick Penner, Jim Blundell, Christina Hayward, Eric and Blake Clarfton, Bill Moses, Bill Neel, Patty Wilkinson and Tony Grant.

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

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

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3576 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 29355.98
Other Funds	<u>100500.79</u>
Total of all funds	\$129856.77

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Bill Neel was instructed to come discuss his utility bill and he stated he was getting the bill caught up and asked about the utility incentive that is offered to businesses. An explanation was given on the incentive.

Eric Clarfton discussed his staying at the park and that he now has a job and will be able to get camping fees caught up on the 23rd when he gets paid. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to allow them to stay until the 23rd and get the balance paid off (\$240). Motion carried.

Mayor Robison discussed an email that he had received concerning Empire asking for a rate increase. An attorney is being hired to fight the rate increase and Chetopa will be asked to pay their prorated portion of the attorney billings. Terry Robison currently holds the KMEA

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Director-1 position and his term expires on 4/30/19. A decision needs to be made and the certificates need to be returned to KMEA by March 15th.

Castle had received a call from Jerry and Rita McGuirk regarding their utility bill. A history of the account was discussed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to give them until next month to get billing caught up and have them sign an agreement.

A history on Lindsay Robertson was discussed.

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to have Robertson sign agreement to pay current bill plus 10% of the past due (\$300). Motion carried.

Seaman had been contacted by Debbie Kabrey concerning the alley behind the nursing home needing rock. City Supervisor Midgett will look at it.

Koontz reported that there are a lot of potholes in the streets that need fixed and Midgett reported that they are working on getting material to work on streets.

Nash discussed that Officer Travis Rakestraw was residing with his parents who reside outside of the city limits of Chetopa. The city has a residency policy but the council can make exceptions to. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to make an exception to the residency requirement for Rakestraw until he finds housing. Motion carried. Koontz voted no but wanted it noted in the minutes that it was because she felt it need to have a time limit set for him to move.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the hot water heater at the Senior Citizens Building needed replaced and they felt that it needed to be wrapped. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to replace the hot water heater and not wrap it. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine had been contacted by Karla Seaman concerning trucks thinking the road through the Hornet Addition had access to the highway and asked if “No Highway Access” signs could be installed due to the number of semi’s trying to drive through. Crumrine reported that the 9th Street entrance into the Hornet Addition had a “No Trucks” sign but on 10th Street just had the “Dead End” sign.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to install a “No Truck” sign at 10th Street entrance. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine and City Supervisor Midgett discussed the Enviro-Line Proposal to upgrade the 10th Street Lift Station.

Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to table this till the first meeting in February and check to see if the bid is still good. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine received an invoice from Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) for 2019 Membership Dues in the amount of \$2900 (up \$112 from last year). This is the organization that sponsors the electrical training that Joey Midgett and Tony Mayfield have been going to.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to approve payment of the KMU Membership Dues. Motion carried.

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Police Chief Feagan had a quote to purchase 2 ballistic vests in the amount of \$1598 to replace the obsolete vests that he and Officer Rakestraw are wearing and purchase 4 Vest Carriers for \$916 making a total request of \$2514. This purchase will be paid for from the training and equipment account.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve the purchase of the vests. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that the T-Boxes for the disc golf are read to have the concrete poured. The clerk was instructed to contact Parsons Tourism to see if there was money set aside to help pay for the additional 9 holes.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to approve the pouring of the concrete. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett informed the council that the main lift station has a pump down that caused a bypass and Enviro-Line is scheduled to be in Chetopa to do the preventative maintenance in February and he will have them look at the cause. It was reported that Midgett did not pass his Sewer Certification, the culvert under the highway will be replaced by the State and Feagan asked who painted the crosswalks as they need repainted. The city painted them last time.

WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE COMPARISON

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler presented a comparison of the quotes from Viking Industrial Painting and Maguire Iron, Inc. Rick Penner with Viking and Tony Grant from Maguire were both present to answer any questions the council had. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to accept the quote from Maguire Iron, Inc. Motion carried.

STOP SIGN FLASHING LIGHT

A quote from LED Lighting Solution was presented on options for a flashing beacon to be placed on the stop sign at the intersection of Highways 59 and 166.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to purchase the 8" flashing beacon. Motion carried.

HIGHER CALLING QUOTE FOR IT SERVICE

Quotes from Higher Calling Technologies were presented and discussed to replace the sonic wall, the server in the police station, the court computer, add a computer at the water plant and the monthly service for virus and backing up.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to switch to Higher Calling for installation and monthly service. Motion carried.

CITY HELPER DISCUSSION/APPOINTMENT

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to enter into executive session to discussion non-elected personnel with mayor and council present for a period of 5 minutes with session ending at 8:35 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:30 p.m.

Returned: 8:35 p.m.

Mayor Robison called the meeting back to order and the following action was taken:

Mayor Robison appointed Dennis Jordyn Stapleton as City Helper.

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Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to confirm the appointment. Motion carried. Bryant abstained. Stapleton will be paid \$12.50 per hour. (Nash left after vote)

FIRE DEPARTMENT PAY REQUEST

A request for meeting/fire calls for the 4th Quarter 2018 in the amount of \$388 was presented for payment.

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

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler asked if the city was going with the 10 year plan on Maguire Iron's presentation.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to sign the 10 year agreement with Maguire Iron. Motion carried.

It was also asked about the color and the following motion was made.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to paint the water tower green with yellow lettering. Motion carried.

Seaman reported that Jessica Schertz is interested in running the pool this year when the time comes.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk