

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

February 5, 2019

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant (at 7:06 p.m.), Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz (at 7:03 p.m.), Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman.

PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Police Officer Corie Brown, Domwic Willey, Scott and Bobbi Williams, Kay Wolfe, Jerry L. Adler, Tammy Bushong, Bill Price, Jay Littlejohn, Brad and Zaylain Baldwin, Stephanie and Katie George, Rachel and Kacey Mayfield, Nancy Lee Kepford, Joel Riddle, Luke and Savannah Wethey, Nancy Nading, Betty Withrow, Bill Moses, Derek, Sarah and Lenora Gilbert, Kobi Lawson, David Farrow, Carolyn Waugh, Charles Archer and Bill Neel.

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

Visitors Carolyn Waugh, Kacey Mayfield, Katie George, Zaylain Baldwin, Nancy Nading, Michelle Harrod and Nancy Kepford were requested to be added to the agenda.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve the Agenda with the added visitors. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Seaman, second by Koontz to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

Castle questioned the charge on the Warrant Register for the water plant and it was reported that the total was for all city owned buildings, but for that particular report, it only shows the first line item of the posting, so it wasn't only for the water plant.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3577 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 27951.40
Other Funds	<u>219138.13</u>
Total of all funds	\$247089.53

CONDEMNATION HEARING

Mayor Robison opened the Condemnation hearing and heard from Domwic Willey who was present representing Donna Harris for the two properties located at 321 Cherry and 415 S.

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4th in Chetopa. Discussion followed and Willey discussed the proposed improvement that would be made on the structures.

Motion by Seaman, second by Nash to proceed with the condemnation on the two properties and have the condemnation start within 30 days and give owners 90 days to finish. Motion carried. Bryant voted no as he thought more information should be gotten concerning the appraised value and cost to fix the properties up. A resolution will be drafted and presented at the next council meeting.

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Carolyn Waugh and students Kacey Mayfield, Zaylain Baldwin and Katie George gave a presentation on their PBL Project and asked if they could paint the trash barrels in the park.

Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to approve the painting of the trash cans. Motion carried.

Nancy Nading and other residents were present to find out why the electric bills are continually going up. A lengthy discussion followed and no action was taken from the discussion.

Derek, Sarah and Lenora Gilbert, new owner of the motel were present to introduce themselves and they discussed their plans for the renovation of the motel. They had attended the chamber meeting and had been advised of the Neighborhood Revitalization and Utility incentive programs.

Nancy Kepford asked for clarification of the number of dogs that will be allowed as she has been told that the city would remove any animal over the six that are allowed under the new ordinance. It was stated that under the ordinance, owners would be fined \$10 per day per animal over the limit of six animals (dogs, cats or combination of dogs and cats) per owner. Sarah Gilbert asked if they could pepper spray dogs because of their concern about animals running loose and it was reported that they could.

City Supervisor Midgett discussed the Forestry Grant and stated that they wanted to apply for funding to outfit a new fire truck to replace the truck that is on loan from the Forestry Department and anticipated that the new truck would cost around \$50,000. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to approve the application of the Forestry Grant by the fire department. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett also discussed the patching material that they purchased from Pittsburg and that the stop sign beacon purchase has been put on hold as KDOT wants to do a traffic study before the beacon is purchased to see if it is warranted.

Police Chief Feagan gave the council the department's monthly activity report.

Clerk Crumrine reported that it had been asked if the city was getting another bid on the sewer lift station and it was decided that because the Cherry Street Lift Station was the only one not on the Enviro-Line Preventative Maintenance Program that they wanted Enviro-Line to complete the repairs. Joey Midgett is the back up for Bryan when he isn't available and the city

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paid for the back-up person's cell phone and it was asked if Joey's cell phone would be added to the city billing.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to put Joey Midgett's cell phone on the city billing. Motion carried.

Koontz asked about the new CMB Ordinance that would be needed for the new enhanced beers that will be sold after April 1st and the clerk stated that it would be presented at the next council meeting. Koontz also voiced her recommendation to put some of the Minimum Housing Standards back in the code that had been omitted during the code update and expressed her concern over the continuing erosion of the river bank. Mayor Robison stated that he emailed the Corp of Engineers but has had no response but will follow up on.

Castle asked why a trailer is being moved on Blanche North's property. This will be checked on.

Kepner asked if locks are being put on the water meters and City Supervisor Midgett discussed their procedure when water is shut off.

Mayor Robison reported that he would not be at the next council meeting and Council President Bryant would be in charge of the meeting.

ENVIRO-LINE LIFT STATION PROPOSAL

City Supervisor Midgett reported that the Enviro-Line proposal quote was still good that was presented at the last meeting.

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to approve the Enviro-Line proposal. Motion carried.

KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT

Terry Robison's KMEA Director Term expires 4/30/2019 and a replacement is needed for the Board of Directors. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Seaman to appoint Gary Bryant as the KMEA Director. Motion carried. Bryant voted no.

COTTONWOOD & NEOSHO RIVER BASINS WATER ASSURANCE DIST # 3

An invoice in the amount of \$2,445.25 for the 2019 Water Assurance District Assessment was presented for payment. Membership in a water assurance district is required.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve payment of the invoice. Motion carried.

NUISANCE RESOLUTION

A nuisance violation letter was sent to Joe Blundell on January 11th concerning the cleanup of his yard and nothing has been done. The clerk presented a nuisance resolution giving Blundell 10 days after the passage of this resolution to abate the conditions causing the violations and if not abated, city crews would abate the conditions and charge the costs incurred to the parcel of ground.

Motion by Castle, second by Koontz to adopt Resolution 2019-1 as presented. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk