

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

April 16, 2019

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Attorney Shane Adamson, Officer Dalton Russell, Blanche North, Jimmy Hoggart, Brian Williams, Charles Archer, Officer Corie Brown (at 7:07 p.m.) Mary Burrows, Jackie Senn and Officer Corie Brown (at 7:50 p.m.)

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

It was requested to add visitors Blanche North and Jimmy Hoggart and an Executive Session to discuss Financial Affairs.

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

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3582 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 25,788.44
Other Funds	<u>130,750.11</u>
Total of all funds	\$156,538.55

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Brian Williams, CEO Labette Health stated that the old medical clinic at 507 Maple has been declared excess property and asked if the city had any use for the building. It was determined that there was no use by the city for the building. Williams updated the council on the purchase of the old Casey Building that will be used as a Chetopa Clinic once it is remodeled. More discussion continued concerning the clinic and funding. (Williams left),

Blanche North and Jimmy Hoggart discussed the demolition of a mobile home and him already moving in a small camper to live in. It was discussed what steps needed to be taken to

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conform to the minimum housing code that was recently adopted. Hoggatt was instructed to come to the city office and fill out a demolition and building permit. (North and Hoggatt left)

Mayor Robison reported that a storage shipping container had been moved in that didn't have a building permit applied for. This will be followed up on.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to enter into Executive Session for 10 minutes to discuss financial affairs with mayor, council, legal counsel and city clerk present with session ending at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:40 p.m.

Returned: 7:50 p.m.

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

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to delete utility accounts from the system where past residents are deceased, have filed bankruptcy or are otherwise deemed uncollectible. Motion carried.

Mayor Robison gave an update on the pool lifeguards. A recertification class has been re-scheduled for the weekend of April 27th and 28th and Chance Smith and Zachery Wulf are being enrolled in it. The other six will be scheduled for the lifeguarding class May 28-30, 2019.

Nash questioned the status of the burnt house at 2nd and Locust. Discussion was also held on the two condemnations in process. The time period has ended for them to start demolition and nothing has been done. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to demo and clean up the two properties as soon as City Supervisor Midgett can get to it. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett asked about the old vehicle that is in the yard. Police Chief Feagan will run a VIN number on it and start a junk vehicle process on it.

Koontz reported that the flag at the Museum needs replaced. She will compile a list to send letters to owners of animals in town that they have until June 4th to comply with the animal regulation ordinance. There is a pecan tree where the river bank is falling and it will be left alone as it may be preventing some erosion occurring. She questioned the two vehicles on Maple Street and it was report that they were tagged and it was requested that a notice for the city wide cleanup be put in the Labette Avenue. City Supervisor Midgett was asked to get the playground equipment checked out before the park cleanup on May 3rd.

Castle discussed the abandoned car by the Senior Citizen's building as it's been there for a while. Officer Russell stated that it broke down and they pushed it to where it is park and the owners will be notified to get it moved. It was questioned where the couple were living whose home burnt and discussion was held.

Kepner reported that she had been contacted regarding ruts and pothole on the East side of the river park. The city crews have been hauling rock to the park.

Bryant questioned what happened to the skid steer and Midgett reported that while working on the cleanup of the burnt building, a hydraulic hose broke.

Clerk Crumrine reported that the Parsons Sun had called and emailed her with questions concerning the minimum housing code that was recently adopted and she had referred them to

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Attorney Adamson. Crumrine asked again if the lobby could be closed at 4:00 p.m. to allow for the balancing and day end work to be completed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to leave the lobby hours as is. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett asked if the city was going to hire a mow person this year. Discussion followed.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to advertise for a mowing person on Facebook and in the Labette Avenue.

City Supervisor/Fire Chief Midgett discussed the contract for fire protection for Neosho Township. An update on the new fire truck was given and Midgett reported that the six original tires that were replaced on the truck have been sold for \$600.

PROBATION

The probation period of Corie Brown was up and discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to remove Brown from probation. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUN/MEETING PAY

The clerk read the request for the fire department run/meeting pay in the amount of \$676.

Motion by Koontz, second by Kepner to approve the Fire Department pay request. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk