

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

May 21, 2019

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant (at 7:20 p.m.), Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Terry and Darrell Tucker, Barbara Anderson, Sherrill McConnell, Corey Brown, Tammy and Morris Bushong.

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

It was requested to add pool discussion and an executive session to the agenda.

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

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

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

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

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

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3584** as follows:

Payroll	\$26522.34
Other Funds	<u>28429.95</u>
Total of all funds	\$54952.29

### **MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS**

**Barbara Anderson** with the Kansas Department of Commerce was present to discuss the Housing Assessment Tool (HAT) requirement in applying for a housing grant. She gave the cities of Cherryvale and Independence to contact as they both have completed HAT's. (Anderson left)

**Terry Tucker** asked that the council reconsider removing the plaque from Veterans Park and presented documentation that the star was placed on the bridge as a Christmas decoration not as a memorial. Koontz had talked with the sister of the boy that drown and her recollection was that private funds had been collected to build the star in memory of her brother Dale Robison and because the plaque was purchased with private funds and installed with the approval of a prior council, it shouldn't be taken down. The plaque will remain in the park. (T. and D. Tucker left)

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**Sherrill McConnell** discussed two trees on Walnut that needed to be cut. Bids had been received from Brown's Tree & Stump Removal: 312 Walnut-\$500 and 316 Walnut-\$300. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to have the city crews take down the tree at 316 Walnut and do as much as they are able on the tree at 312 Walnut. Motion carried.

**Mayor Robison and Council Member Koontz** both stated yards and other places that need mowed. Police Chief Feagan said that letters are being sent out to notify owners to get properties mowed.

**Mayor Robison** reported that the park needs attention.

**Koontz** discussed owners that have farm animals and asked that letters be sent to notify them of the deadline to have the animals removed or moved to be in compliance with the ordinance.

**Bryant** spoke about the information that had been presented about Empire rates and Mayor Robison stated that there would be an executive session to discuss this.

**Castle** reported that there needs to have rock put in many of the alleys.

**Clerk Crumrine** informed the council that she had received an email from Bobbi Williams regarding contacting Westar to come talk about the weatherization program.

**City Supervisor Midgett** discussed the alley and electrical issues at a residence at 10<sup>th</sup> and Maple. Estimates to put gates (\$1500-\$2000) up to block people entering into the East River Park versus putting up poles and cables (\$375-\$400). Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Koontz to go with the cable option. Motion carried. Nash voted no.

**City Supervisor Midgett** reported that the swimming pool tarp that is put over the pool during the winter is falling apart. The clerk will look at where the previous tarp was purchased.

## COMMERCIAL MOWER QUOTES

Quotes for a new commercial mower from Bartlett Coop, Eubanks Equipment, O'Malley Equipment and Five Star Ranch & Home were presented for discussion. (McConnell left during mower discussion)

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to purchase the John Deere mower from O'Malley Equipment. Motion carried. Bryant voted no.

## MOWING POSITION DISCUSSION

Interviews had been conducted but it was asked to set up more interviews with other applicants.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to approve to interview more applicants and if suitable person found, offer job to be appointed at the next council meeting. Motion carried.

## BUILDING PERMIT FOLLOWUP

Building Inspector Bryant reported that Hoggatt had not turned in the building permit. No action was taken.

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## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to enter into executive session to discuss confidential finance affairs with mayor, council, legal counsel and city clerk present for a period of 10 minutes with the session ending at 8:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:16 p.m.

Returned: 8:26 p.m.

Mayor Robison called the meeting back to order.

Motion by Bryant to adjust the Empire rates accordingly. After discussion Bryant withdrew his motion as more information is needed before a decision can be made. Koontz asked if she could attend the Empire meeting in June and she will be included.

## STREET CLOSING ORDINANCE

A petition had been turned in to close the portion of 14<sup>th</sup> Street that dead ends North of Spruce Street. The petition had been signed by 100% of the property owners. Ordinance No. 920 was presented to close the street. (Nash left)

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to adopt Ordinance No. 920. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 920/AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE PORTION OF 14<sup>TH</sup> STREET THAT DEAD ENDS NORTH OF SPRUCE STREET BETWEEN BLOCKS 3 AND 4 IN THE STEVENS ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS.**

## LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

The Chetopa City Library Board submitted Lisa Haney to replace Taylene Inman on the library board.

Mayor Robison appoint Lisa Haney to the Library Board.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to approve the appointment. Motion carried.

## ADDITIONAL MAYOR & COUNCIL DISCUSSION

**Mayor Robison** stated that Wilkinson was waiting on a bid from Kevin Smith for the awning at Oak Hill Cemetery. Additional properties regarding farm animals were discussed to send letters to.

**Koontz** informed the council that Castle and she had attended the solid waste committee regarding negotiations with company to oversee the transfer waste station.

## ASSISTANCE POOL MANAGER DISCUSSION

The applicant that was going to be the Assistant Pool Manager had decided not to work at the pool. Darci Wilkinson had turned her application in to fill the position. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to hire Darci Wilkinson as Assistant Pool Manger. Motion carried. Bryant voted no.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk