

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

June 4, 2019

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, June 4, 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, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Officer Dalton Russell, Patty Wilkinson, Cale Ekhoff, Mary Harrold, Mary Burrows, Diane Billings, Mark Rhodes, Johnny Carrington, Johnna McDaniel, Blanche North, Jimmy Hoggatt and Judy Wilson.

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

A request was made to add visitors Johnna McDaniel and Mary Harrold to the agenda.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to approve the agenda with the visitor additions.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

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

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

APPROPRITION ORDINANCE # 3585 as follows:

Payroll	\$30111.52
Other Funds	<u>31554.19</u>
Total of all funds	\$61665.71

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Patty Wilkinson discussed the house beside her that does not have a driveway and asked that one be installed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Kepner to table action on the driveway installation until Bryant has a chance to look at it. Motion carried.

Cale Ekhoff was present to discuss the disc golf tournament that is scheduled for June 15, pending park conditions and asked permission to use the East River Park and if the council wanted to sponsor some of the holes as has been done in the past.

Motion by Kepner, second by Bryant to allow the disc golf tournament on June 15th or later. Motion carried.

Motion by Kepner, second by Koontz to donate \$200 to the disc golf tournament. Motion carried.

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Mark Rhodes had visited with Police Chief Scott Feagan about his property cleanup and Feagan had instructed him to come to the council meeting to discuss his property. After discussion, the council was in agreement that the property was cleaned up and asked Rhodes to be sure it was maintained. (Rhodes left)

Johnny Carrington discussed the ditch running by his parent's house and felt that the ditch not being cleaned out was causing the basement of their house to flood. Work had been done on the ditch, but the dirt had not been removed and there was concern that the dirt would wash back into the ditch. City Supervisor Midgett will meet with Carrington in the morning to discuss the problem to get it resolved.

Johnna McDaniel was present to discuss her utility billing. They were still waiting on the social security appeal and McDaniel stated that she had been making the payment arrangements and asked for an extension on the timeline that had been previously given.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to give McDaniel another six months to get account caught up. Motion carried.

Mary Harrold reported that she had Drew O'Brien measure her property and if she fenced in the entire property, she would have the 2 acres to be in compliance to keep her horse. She wanted to be sure that it was approved by the council before she spent the money on the fencing and if it wasn't, she was putting her house up for sale. The council requested a written statement that the property was measured as 2 acres which will put the property in compliance and Harrold will get the written statement. (Harrold left).

Cale Ekhoff addressed the council again and asked if a group of volunteers could help clean up the trees and brush that had been left behind while the East River Park was flooded.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to allow the volunteers to cut trees and clean up parks. Motion carried. (Ekhoff left)

Mayor Robison asked if estimates had been gotten on the park sign that had previously been discussed. Clerk Crumrine stated that she was waiting on information from Police Chief Feagan regarding drafting an ordinance to allow the police department to enforce the fish and game regulations as the statement "Fish and Game Regulations will be enforced" was to be added to the park sign. The clerk was directed to proceed with getting estimates. Robison asked if the camping fee boxes are being used and it was reported that Debbie Darnell is collecting the money but it wasn't certain how much was being collected.

Castle discussed the cargo container that has been discussed previously and asked if a letter had been written to owners, as now there is a 5th wheel trailer in there now. Debbie Darnell will be requested to write a letter.

Kepner reported that her mother had questioned what was going to be done about the weeds on the property across from her. Police Chief Feagan and Debbie Darnell had driven around and made a listing of properties that needed to be mowed and cleaned up. Kepner also had been given pictures by an individual that had a letter written to him about his property and asked why he had been written a letter when other properties were worse than his. Again it was

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stated that letter have or are going to be sent to property owners and the pictures that he had, letters may have already been sent to the property owners.

Nash asked about getting a sign that discusses the placing of coins on grave headstones and memorials, as some probably do not know that the significance of the placement. A picture was sent to the clerk who will check with sign makers to see if something can be made. It was discussed how long money should be left, as what is collected goes towards maintenance.

Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to leave any money placed for a week. Motion carried.

Castle asked about the status of the house on Locust Street that had burnt. The clerk reported that insurance proceeds had been received from the insurance company that are being held until the property is torn down and cleaned up.

Motion by Koontz, second by Nash to send a letter on the property to get an update on when it will be cleaned up. Motion carried.

Officer Russell had contacted Police Chief Feagan and reported that he wanted to adopt Section 32 of the Fish and Game regulations. Attorney Adamson will draft an ordinance.

Diane Billings reported that there is a pig on the property behind her house and no one lives there. She was instructed to sign a complaint.

City Supervisor Midgett discussed the cleaning of the bathroom facility at Elmore Park as during the holiday the paper towels and toilet paper had ran out and asked if the water plant could check them during the holidays. Castle thanked his department for keeping the bathroom facilities clean.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to schedule someone in his department to check the bathrooms on Sunday during holidays and pay one hour of overtime. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that they were cleaning the gutters but some of the people that were complaining about it, were also mowing their properties and blowing grass back on the street. Judy Wilson thanked them for cleaning the guttering. It will be looked into if the city has already addressed the blowing of grass on the streets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel and City Supervisor Midgett present for a period of 5 minutes with the session ending at 8:01 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 7:56 p.m.

Returned: 8:01 p.m.

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

Mayor Robison appointed Jerry Midgett to the seasonal mowing position.

Motion by Koontz, second by Seaman to confirm the appointment. Discussion: there was some concern over Midgett working in the heat and City Supervisor Midgett reported that he had gotten clearance from his doctor that there were no restrictions. Motion carried. Nash and Bryant voted no.

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BUILDING PERMIT UPDATE

Jimmy Hoggatt asked what the council wanted to know about his building permit and Building Inspector Bryant outlined what he needed to have on the permit application. Hoggatt will fill out the information on the building permit application.

CONDEMNATION RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 2019-4 setting a public hearing of August 6, 2019 for the condemnation proceedings on 902 Plum St. was presented for adoption.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to adopt Resolution No. 2019-4. Motion carried.

PARK BAN LIFT REQUEST

A letter was received from Wilbur “Luke” Nading requesting that the ban from the Chetopa park system be lifted. The council reviewed the request and the written recommendation from Police Chief Feagan.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to deny lifting the park ban for Nading. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST

Debbie Kabrey wasn't able to attend the meeting but called in and was put on speaker phone. Kabrey stated that because of the weather, it wasn't decided until last minute to hold the Wayne Furnas Memorial Horse Pull Sunday and asked if the city would make a donation towards the prize money.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to make a \$200 donation to the horse pull. Motion carried.

VACATION REQUEST

Mike Tyler, Water Plant Supervisor requested three days' vacation in November.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to approve the vacation request for Tyler. Motion carried.

Blanche North stated while she is walking in the alleys, there is piles of stuff that need to be removed but couldn't state where the items are. Mary Burrows will walk with her sometime and make a list of the locations.

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

Seal

Mayor

City Clerk