

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

November 5, 2019

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

PRESIDING: Mayor Terry G. Robison.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Carthen Nash and Linda Seaman. Betsy Koontz was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Mary Burrows, Blanche North, Virginia Davis, Danny Castle, Scott Day, Tammy and Lee Bushong, Travis Rakestraw, Patty Wilkinson, Sherrill McConnell (at 7:05 p.m.) and Raymond Whetstone (at 7:15 p.m.).

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

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to approve the Minutes from the last regular meeting. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to approve the Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Crumrine mentioned that a transfer into Employee Benefits would be on the next warrant register.

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

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3595** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 25216.39
Other Funds	<u>92241.18</u>
Total of all funds	\$117457.57

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

**Scott Day, Day Insurance Solutions LLC**, presented the renewal options from Freedom Claims and Crumrine discussed the renewal rates with Blue Cross Blue Shield. Blue Cross Blue Shield rates increased 12.8% and Day proposed a 10% increase in FCMI premiums in the analysis of the reserve account. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to renew the health and dental insurances with Blue Cross Blue Shield of KS and Freedom Claims Management. Motion carried. (Day left).

**Tammy Bushong** reported that work on the Chetopa clinic should be done by November 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be scheduled to open the first part of December.

**Raymond Whetstone** requested that the rules be changed to help his daughter get utilities on and he asked if he could get the utilities turned on in his name and let them live there until the delinquent balance is paid. A lengthy discussion was held.

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Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to accept the guarantee of Whetstone and turn the utilities on. Motion did not pass. Bryant and Kepner voted yes. Castle, Nash and Seaman voted no. More discussion followed. (Tammy & Lee Bushong left at 7:23 p.m.)

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to have her sign an agreement to pay the current billing plus 10% of the past due amount and utilities will be turned on. Motion carried. Bryant voted no.

**Mayor Robison** questioned the status of the pool cover and the park signs that had been ordered. Crumrine reported that the pool cover is scheduled to be picked up tomorrow and will follow up on the status of the signs. Mayor Robison informed the council of a Floodplain map review meeting that is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup> at the Parsons City Hall from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and asked if anyone would like to attend. Bryant stated he would like to go. Mayor Robison had been contacted by Jerry McGuirk regarding ruts etc. in his property in the alley and City Supervisor Midgett will go look at it.

**Castle** reported on the waste management signed contract and that rates will decrease from \$42/ton to \$38/ton and other items noted in the contract. Castle questioned if it was in the code/ordinance about blocking sidewalks and the clerk will review for the next meeting. The fence on the west side of the property behind the bank has several panels falling down that need put back up.

**Clerk Crumrine** presented a vacation request for Paul Trinkle to take three days off.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the vacation request. Motion carried.

**Clerk Crumrine** read the fire department pay request that had a total of 149 firemen attending meetings and calls for a pay request of \$596.

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

**Clerk Crumrine** presented a bid from Dewey Brown to cut a tree and grind a stump at the ball field and no action was taken as city crews can cut it; gave a copies of the statement of the condemnation expenses for 902 Plum Street; the work comp injury log; the Energy Efficiency Assessment that was done by KRWA at the water plant; reported that a budget amendment will be started and read a thank you for the donation for Feed the Hornets. Crumrine also noted several items that were discussed at the chamber meeting. The chamber will be having a Christmas tree lighting up town and asked if there would be any objections to cutting a tree out by the lagoon, closing 5<sup>th</sup> Street for the tree lighting if the tree is placed on Chesnutt Park and who will be riding the council float. Robison if he isn't driving another float, Kepner, Castle, Bryant, Seaman and Crumrine will be riding on the float. The other requests were approved.

**Police Chief Feagan** reported that he is still seeking applications for the police officer position and only has had one application turned in but they are not willing to move the Chetopa.

**City Supervisor Midgett** informed the council that the rear end went out of the grey pickup and will be approximately \$1000 for parts and labor.

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to approve the truck being fixed. Motion carried.

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**City Supervisor Midgett** reported that the dump truck starter stuck and caused a fire and they are waiting on parts to repair. Cost of parts and labor are estimated at \$500.

## **BUILDING PERMIT**

Posted on the city website and on Chetopa Residents without protest, Jerry Midgett to build a 10' x 12' lean-to on the west side of his garage at 129 Locust Street, in the City of Chetopa.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the building permit. Motion carried.

## **VOLLEYBALL PROCLAMATION**

A draft copy of the proclamation for the volleyball team was distributed for the council to review and the coach and team will be contacted to make a formal presentation to.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk