## **UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

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

February 4, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary W. Bryant, Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Betsy Koontz, Carthen Nash (at 7:11 p.m.), Linda Seaman and Robert Humphrey (at 7:08 p.m.).

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Michael Carson, Miranda Mooreland, Lee Bushong, Patty Wilkinson and Corey Brown.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting to order and had the audience and council stand to recite the Pledge of Allegiance and then opened with prayer.

The Municipal Court Report was deleted from the agenda and visitors Michael Carson and Miranda Mooreland and the Cottonwood & Neosho River Basins Water Assurance District No. 3 invoice were requested to be added.

Motion by Bryant, second by Kepner to approve the agenda with the deletion and additions. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine informed the council of a correct that was made on the minutes.

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

#### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3601** as follows:

 Payroll Funds
 \$25788.39

 Other Funds
 36094.43

 Total of all funds
 \$61882.82

Robert Humphrey entered the council room and will be added to the visitor list.

### MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

**Michael Carson with MD Golf** was present to ask the council if they would like to be a sponsor at the MD Disc Golf tournament March 21, 2020 as was done last year.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to donate \$200 to the disc golf tournament. Motion carried.

Miranda Mooreland, owner of the Creative Beauty Salon was present to discuss a water leak that they had at the salon and asked if the billing could be adjusted. Clerk Crumrine

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presented the usage and also asked if the sewer would be adjusted as commercial business rates are based on the water usage. Discussion followed.

Motion by Koontz, second by Kepner to adjust the sewer charge to the prior three month average and bill the water at the city's cost. Motion carried.

**Robert Humphrey** discussed a resident at 206 S. 14<sup>th</sup> Street that is driving through the ditch. Police Chief Feagan informed him that Officer Brown has a letter to serve on the resident.

**Castle** asked for an update on the sheep at Stanley Meadows residence and Police Chief Feagan reported that he had tried to contact Meadows about the issue and will make contact with him.

**Koontz** asked about the horse on N. 5<sup>th</sup> St and Clerk Crumrine stated that nothing had been received from the resident regarding verification that the property was 2+ acres.

**Koontz** discussed needs for the bathroom.

Motion by Koontz, second by Castle to buy a toilet paper holder and a paper towel holder for the council room bathroom. Motion carried.

**Clerk Crumrine** read a thank you from the Steve Nash family and gave an update on the Neighborhood Revitalization Plan.

**City Supervisor Midgett** reported that he has visited with Zach Lawellin on the dump truck purchase but wants to get a price quote on a rolling tarp before a decision is made to purchase the truck. Clerk Crumrine discussed the financing options that are available if the decision is made to purchase the truck.

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS/PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL ELECTION

Mayor Bushong presented the committees and they stayed the same as before unless someone would rather serve on another. There were no requests to change.

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to nominate and elect Koontz as President of the Council. Motion carried.

Motion by Nash, second by Koontz to designate Bank of Commerce formally Chetopa State Bank as the official Bank and the Labette Avenue and Parsons Sun as the official Newspapers. Motion carried.

#### **CONDEMNATION EMAIL**

Clerk Crumrine shared an email that was on the CCMFOA list serve that the condemnation 50% rule (if a structure could not be repaired for less than 50% of the fair market value of the property requiring the structure needed torn down) is no longer a valid condition to require the structure to be demolished. Clerk Crumrine was asked to contact the LKM to see under what criteria the structures can be ordered condemned.

#### FOLLOW UP TO THE LOWER NEOSHO CUSTOM WATERSHED MEETING

There is a follow-up meeting to the Lower Neosho Custom Watershed Project that will update the floodplain maps. The meeting in Parsons was attended by former Mayor Terry Robison, Council Member Bryant and City Clerk Crumrine. Meetings are scheduled for Erie, Yates Center, Columbus and Pittsburg and Clerk Crumrine stated that she would be attending the

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meeting in Columbus. Council Members Koontz and Bryant and Mayor Bushong will attend the Columbus meeting also.

**City Supervisor/Fire Chief Midgett** requested permission for the fire department to apply for the FEMA grant.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to allow the fire department to apply for the FEMA grant. Motion carried.

#### COTTONWOOD & NEOSHO RIVER BASINS WATER ASSURANCE INVOICE

The 2020 Assessment in the amount of \$2042.06 for membership in the Cottonwood and Neosho River Basins Water Assurance District No. 3, which has decreased by \$403.19 from last year, was presented for approval to pay.

Motion by Koontz, second by Bryant to approve payment for the membership dues assessment. Motion carried.

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

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	Mayor	
City Clerk		