

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

September 1, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Attorney Shane Adamson, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler, Officer Corey Brown, Frank Merrill, Tabatha Rumbaugh, Kobe Lawson, Lee Bushong, Charles Archer and Kenny Allman (at 7:09 p.m.).

Mayor Bushong led the council and visitors in the Pledge of Allegiance and opened meeting in prayer.

The following items were added to the agenda: Visitors Frank Merrill, Kobe Lawson and Charles Archer; Labette Community College CTE Agreement; Cochran building permit and Rakestraw Vacation Request and the STO/UPOC Ordinances were deleted from the agenda as the books have not been received from the League.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to approve the agenda with the additions and deletion. Motion carried.

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

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3615 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$26244.01
Other Funds	<u>32274.27</u>
Total of all funds	\$58518.28

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Police Chief Feagan introduced visitor Frank Merrill and Officer Corey Brown to present a proposal for getting a K9 for the Chetopa Police Department. The dog would be donated and Officer Brown would take care of the initial care and the county attorney has pledged to pay half of the training cost of approximately \$5200. Discussion followed noting other costs.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to move forward on obtaining a K9 and proceed with the training. Motion carried.

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Tabatha Rumbaugh was present to discuss the flooding issues that she had at her residence and that nothing had been done by the city. She presented an invoice from Conard Services for \$1800 and felt that the city should help with the cost. Discussion followed and this will be put on the next meeting's agenda.

Kobe Lawson had gotten a letter on a vehicle and stated that he needed more time to get the vehicle registered and tagged. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Wulf to give Lawson thirty (30) additional days to tag the vehicle. Motion carried.

Charles Archer has also received a letter and stated that he would like to request a hearing in front of the municipal judge. Police Chief Feagan will proceed with the request under the provisions of the ordinance.

Kenny Allman was recognized to speak and reported that he needed a light in the alley.

The building permit for Keith Cochran to add a 10' x 16' carport at 404 N. 3rd St., in the City of Chetopa was presented. Building Inspector Bryant stated that he had not reviewed the application yet.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to approve the building permit pending Bryant's approval and providing proof of ownership of the property. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan reported that he had failed to get approval at the last council meeting for Officer Rakestraw to take three (3) days of vacation this weekend.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to approve the vacation request for Rakestraw. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong questioned who was responsible for mowing the Liberty substation and another property. Police Chief Feagan will check on those in the morning.

Bryant questioned the statutes of residency and discussed Nash moving out of the city. Attorney Adamson discussed the information that he had gathered and no action was taken from discussion.

Wulf asked who the code enforcement officer was and it was reported that Police Chief Feagan was by ordinance.

Clerk Crumrine presented the LCC Agreement that pays the tuition for city employees to take classes at the college for approval for the mayor to sign.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to approve the mayor signing the LCC agreement. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine read a thank you from Robert A. Cuthbertson, Administrator at the Chetopa Manor for the work that was done in the alley and parking area of the manor; reported that Attorney Adamson had reviewed the administration agreements and engineering contract on the proposed sewer project and reminded the council of the special council meeting next Tuesday, September 8, 2020 for the public hearings on the KDHE funding and CDBG application.

Wulf informed the council that there would be produce boxes handed out again starting this week.

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Mayor Bushong informed the council that she had signed a proclamation for the David Elmore funeral.

Police Chief Feagan updated the council on the letters that had been sent out on vehicles and properties and asked on the Minimum Housing Code what a reasonable time period would be to order the deficiencies to be corrected. Discussion followed and it was decided to give thirty (30) days to correct the issues.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that he is running low on transformers and he presented a quote to purchase 10 transformers at a cost of \$4700.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to allow the purchase of the transformers. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett updated the council on the intentions of KDOT to add additional stop signs at the corner of 3rd and Maple which will require the concrete to be chipped out and reported that he had pulled the pump out of the 8th St. lift station and had it taken to Covert in Joplin for repairs. On the fire side of his duties, Fire Chief Midgett reported that the tanker pump had been repaired but is still leaking. Different options were discussed as a new pump would be \$14,000-\$15,000 but a Berkley pump would cost \$6,000. Discussion followed.

Motion by Seaman, second by Kepner to put a Berkley pump on the tanker. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett discussed the replacement of the motor in the grey truck used in the electric department and that a new motor would cost \$4872 and a used \$3672. Discussion followed.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to purchase a new motor. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett was able to only get one quote to remove the trees by Pat Robison's house. The council asked to get one more quote. A contractor cutting a tree had torn down some electric lines and Midgett asked if they should be billed for the damages.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to bill for electrical damages the same as nuisance billing. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler reported that a carbon motor needed replaced at \$456. A quote from Layne Christensen Co. to rebuild the North intake pump in the amount of \$11959 was discussed.

Motion by Nash, second by Wulf to pay the Layne Christensen Company invoice. Motion carried.

Water Plant Supervisor Tyler reported that the backup computer failed on August 22nd and Higher Calling Technologies had got it back up running but it needed to be replaced. The company to install the software will charge \$8773 plus \$1000 for a computer.

Motion by Nash, second by Seaman to approve replacing the computer. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

Doyle Glass has not gotten back with an updated quote to remove the stain glass windows at the old city building.

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Motion by Nash, second by Castle to take off discussion of the removal of the stain glass windows from the old business. Motion carried.

Nash will meet with City Supervisor Midgett to go over applications for the city helper position. City Clerk Crumrine presented an ordinance to update the fire department membership requirements. These requirements had been approved several months ago, but an ordinance to incorporate them had not been done.

Motion by Nash, second by Wulf to adopt Ordinance No. 936. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 936/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 7-103 OF THE CITY CODE OF CHETOPA, KANSAS RELATING TO FIRE DEPARTMENT MEMBERSHIP.

Clerk Crumrine presented an ordinance to revise the sidewalk code section as previously discussed.

Motion by Nash, second by Kepner to adopt Ordinance No. 937. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE NO. 937/AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 13-101 OF THE CITY CODE OF CHETOPA, KANSAS RELATING TO SIDEWALKS.
GAAP WAIVER RESOLUTION**

A resolution to waive the GAAP reporting requirements for the financial statements for 2020 was presented for approval.

Motion by Nash, second by Castle to approve Resolution 2020-6. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk