

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

October 6, 2020

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Juanita Kepner, Geraldine Castle, Ernie Wulf and Linda Seaman. Gary W. Bryant and Carthen Nash were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Mark Rhodes, Jim and Taylene Inman, Lee Bushong, Patty Wilkinson and Johnna McDaniel.

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

It was requested to add an executive session for pending litigation to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the agenda with the addition. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the Treasurer's Reports. Motion carried.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3617 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$24625.65
Other Funds	<u>60139.79</u>
Total of all funds	\$84765.44

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Mark Rhodes was present to report that he has gotten rid of the cars and makes a living scrapping out items and was in the process of hauling off the items when he got the letter but the items normally are not on his property for a long period of time.

Jim Inman discussed vehicles not tagged that are not used on the road. He was informed that the vehicles either needed tagged or a fence built where the vehicles could not be seen from the road. Inman stated that he would be getting rid of the vehicles.

Patty Wilkinson requested an extension to get her vehicles taken care of.

Motion by Seaman, second by Castle to give Wilkinson a 90 day extension. Motion carried.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to give Inman a 90 day extension. Motion carried.

Johnna McDaniel needed an extension to build a fence to put her vehicles behind.

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Motion by Wulf, second by Kepner to give McDaniel a 60 day extension. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong had complaints about the 4-wheelers on the street and Police Chief Feagan reported that he has two impounded. Bushong also asked if the chamber needed to get permission to close a street as other organization have asked. Police Chief Feagan reported that he had the authority to grant permission to close streets.

Castle discussed the Elmore Park boat ramp and City Supervisor Midgett reported that he has put rock in there but is waiting until campers are not using the ramp to sandbag and pour concrete.

Castle asked about the status of David Napier removing his things from the property on Maple St. Clerk Crumrine reported that Napier had come to the city office and asked about a letter that he had been told that he was to receive and it was about the deadline given to remove the items. Crumrine had checked the tracking of the letter and it has not been delivered and Napier had stated that he had a notice to pick up a letter but it was about mowing a property not the one she had sent. Crumrine gave him a copy of the letter in which the deadline was October 18 to clean up the property and he asked for an extension as he hadn't received the original letter.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to give Napier an additional 30 day extension to finish clearing property. Motion carried. Seaman voted no.

Clerk Crumrine asked for a city donation towards candy for the Pumpkin Parade.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to donate \$50 towards candy. Motion carried.

Police Chief Feagan asked that the executive session for pending litigation be done at the end of the meeting.

City Supervisor Midgett reported that he had contacted the Corp of Engineers regarding the erosion of the river bank and was instructed to design a plan and submit it to the Corp for their approval but they would not provide any help. The truck had been fixed and a report was made on the KDOT stop signs. Midgett also informed the council that the fire department is doing their annual dinner fundraiser to raise money for scholarships and if anyone is interested they can buy a ticket from any fireman or at the city office.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

It was decided to extend the deadline for applications for the city helper position and Midgett asked if Travis Rakestraw could continue to help out mowing on his days off, which was approved. The building permit for Hall was still pending and Clerk Crumrine asked if it could be approved pending Bryant signing off on it.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the building permit for Hall pending on Bryant's approval. Motion carried.

A new resolution to start the condemnation proceedings over on the Neel property was presented as the League and Attorney Adamson felt that due to the length of time from the original hearing and the action being taken now, the process should be started over.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to have the mayor sign the Neel resolution setting a new hearing date December 1, 2020. Motion carried.

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An update on the items ordered and proposed purchase items using the SPARK money was discussed and Clerk Crumrine asked if items could be purchased or did they need to be ran through the council meeting? Mayor Bushong stated that she would like to see some prices before the computers and other items were purchased.

City Supervisor Midgett and Mayor Bushong had discussed the gate placement with Martin and it was decided for him to put in a gate for city employees to walk through to read the meters. An update on the nuisance/mowing properties was given and it was reported that they were still working on notifications for junk vehicles and properties. The Kathy Pease property was discussed that is in violation of the minimum housing ordinance.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to give Pease 30 days to come forward with some kind of plan to correct the issues. Motion carried.

Repairs have been made to some of the playground equipment and several of the older equipment was discussed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to take out the merry-go-round in the East River Park. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong asked if everyone was aware that a non-camper using the Elmore Park bathroom/shower facility had fallen and broke a hip and that a lot of people are going there and showering that aren't campers.

VEHICLE/FENCING EXTENSION REQUEST

James Stephens had requested an extension to help build a fence and couldn't be at the council meeting to ask in person.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to give Stephens a 60 day extension to build a fence. Motion carried.

LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT

A letter from the library board was received asking the mayor to appoint Stacy Wulf to the library board to replace Virginia Davis. It was also noted that due to the resignation of Kay Wolfe as librarian, Melissa Livingston has assumed that position as she has been filling in for Wolfe for the past several months and was doing an excellent job.

Mayor Bushong appointed Stacy Wulf to the Library Board.

Motion Castle, second by Kepner to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

COUNCIL RESIGNATION

A letter of resignation from Carthen Nash effective at the end of the September 15, 2020 meeting was read.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to accept the resignation of Nash from the council. Motion carried.

A notice will be put on the website and on Facebook for anyone interested in filling the vacancy to notify the city clerk.

FIRE DEPARTMENT 3RD QUARTER PAY

A letter requesting \$676 for meeting and fire call attendance was read.

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Motion by Kepner, second by Castle to approve the payment of \$676 for the fire department 3rd quarter pay. Motion carried.

FIRST RESPONDER 3RD QUARTER RUN PAY

A letter requesting \$820 for run pay for the First Responder Unit was read.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to approve the payment of \$820 for the First Responder 3rd quarter run pay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Motion by Kepner, second by Castle to enter into executive session for non-elected personnel with mayor, council, legal counsel, and city clerk present for a period of five (5) minutes with session ending at 8:37 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:32 p.m. Returned: 8:37 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to enter into executive session for pending litigation with mayor, council, legal counsel, police chief and city clerk present for a period of five (5) minutes with session ending at 8:44 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 8:39 p.m. Returned: 8:44 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and no action was taken from executive session.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk