

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

January 19, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, City Supervisor Bryan Midgett, Attorney Shane Adamson (via Zoom), Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler and Lee Bushong.

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

It was requested that the League of Kansas Municipalities (LKM) and Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) membership dues be added to the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Seaman to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Brown, second by Seaman to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

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

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

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3624** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$25902.16
Other Funds	<u>70684.08</u>
Total of all funds	\$96586.24

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

**Mayor Bushong** had reports that the sign in front of Dottie's Flower Shop was blocking the view on the highway when cars are on 10<sup>th</sup> Street stopping at the stop sign. Police Chief Feagan will look at the situation. Bushong asked if anyone else had seen the fence that has been put up at the motel made out of wooden pallets. This will be looked at.

**City Clerk Crumrine** reported that the letter referencing the resolution condemnation findings on the Neel property had come back undeliverable and asked since the deadline to start the condemnation had passed could demolition begin or should we wait until the deadline to have condemnation done. Crumrine also asked about notification to the son due to the items still

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in the house. Attorney Adamson recommended that demolition by the city should wait until the deadline of completing the demolition and because the son was not on the deed, there was no requirement to notify him. Crumrine also informed the council that the council positions currently held by Bryant, Wulf and Brown are up for election this year and interested parties will need to file for the office by noon on June 1, 2021 at the Labette County Clerk's office.

Crumrine reported that the council's W2's are on their table and to be sure to take them home.

**Police Chief Feagan** discussed the purchases that had been made for the new police truck that was picked up December 31, 2020 and because the cost of the truck was paid for in 2020 and taken out of the 2020 budget, money that had been allocated as lease payments for 2021 would cover the cost of the equipment/labor for the new truck and a lease purchase would not be required to be done. Chief Feagan also informed the council that the radar from the Charger was not working and was obsolete and the gun rack would not fit in the new truck. The Labette County Sheriff's Department had a brand new radar that they had loaned the department that they would sell to the city for \$2000 and a gun rack that they would sell for \$300.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to use the funds that were budgeted for lease purchase payments in 2021 to purchase the additional equipment needed and not do a lease purchase for the new 2020 Dodge truck. Motion carried.

**Police Chief Feagan** reported that the 2018 Dodge truck is getting fixed due to the person backing into his truck and also getting the hail damage fixed at the same time. The K9 puppies were born last night and training will start when it is ready. Mayor Bushong asked if the officers were radar certified annually and Chief Feagan reported that no, once certified the officers did not need to be recertified, but the units themselves are recertified annually.

**City Supervisor Midgett** informed the council that the little bucket truck was at Moores Auto Repair getting tires at a cost of \$680.

**Water Plant Supervisor Tyler** reported that Tim Grover is back to work with a cast on his hand. Tyler also asked if the council would allow employees to convert sick leave days to vacation days. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to table decision on sick leave to vacation conversion until more discussion. Motion carried.

## OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

Police Chief Feagan informed the council that he is starting over on the list due to the upcoming mowing season but most residents are in compliance of the ordinances now.

A quote from Doyle Glass with recommendations to fix the city library windows was discussed. Discussion followed and it was asked to get more than the one quote.

Motion by Castle, second by Brown to table action on the library building windows. Motion carried.

## SALES TAX ELECTION RESOLUTION

The ½ cent sales tax expires on December 31, 2021 and a resolution to submit the sales tax question on the ballot for the November 2<sup>nd</sup> election was presented for adoption.

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Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to adopt Resolution 2021-1 as presented. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION NO 2021-1/A RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY THE PROPOSITION OF LEVYING A ONE-HALF PERCENT (0.5%) RETAILERS' SALES TAX IN THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PARK AND STREET MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS.**

**KMEA BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENT**

Clerk Crumrine had received an email concerning the expiration date of April 30, 2021 of the KMEA Director-1 with that position currently being held by Gary Bryant. Directors are to be selected by the governing body and must either reside within the territory served by the electric utility or be an employee of the city. They have requested that the selection be returned by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to table action on selecting a KMEA Board of Director until Bryant is present. Motion carried.

**RV CAMPING SEASONAL PERMIT DISCUSSION**

Leatha Thompson had asked if the city would consider a seasonal pass for RV campers. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to leave the camping rules and regulations as is. Motion carried.

City Supervisor Midgett asked about ordering LED lights for the library and senior citizens buildings at \$19/bulb for an approximate cost of \$1300. Discussion followed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to authorize Midgett to order LED lights for the library and senior citizen's building. Motion carried.

**LKM AND KMU MEMBERSHIP DUES**

An invoice for 2021 Dues and Subscriptions in the amount of \$1025.04 was received from the LKM. Last year's invoice was \$1025.02.

Motion by Castle, second by Brown to approve the payment of the LKM invoice. Motion carried.

An invoice for 2021 KMU Electric Membership dues in the amount of \$3016.00 was received from KMU. Last year's invoice was \$3016.00.

Motion by Seaman, second by Castle to approve the payment of the KMU invoice. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk