

# UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

July 20, 2021

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Interim City Supervisor Joey Midgett, Attorney Shane Adamson, Fire Chief Bryan Midgett, Phillip Jarred, Lee Bushong, Jim Blundell and Patty Wilkinson.

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

It was requested to add Bryan Midgett as a visitor and discussion of library lights quotes.

Motion by Bryant, second by Wulf to approve the Agenda with the additions. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the Municipal Court Report. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong questioned the invoice on the repair of the museum air conditioners and asked why it wasn't brought to the council's attention and if other providers had been contacted. Clerk Crumrine explained that Museum Board President David Hubbell had contact Dave Billingsly at Teal Heat and Air and arrange for him to look at it. The invoice was pulled and reviewed and it was requested in the future to let the council know of any issues.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

### **APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3636** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 33899.48
Other Funds	<u>76891.43</u>
Total of all funds	\$110790.91

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

**Phillip Jarred with Jarred Gilmore & Phillips** was present to review the 2020 audit and present and discuss the 2022 budget. Jarred informed the council of the changes that have been made in regards to the tax lid law and that now the budget levy cannot exceed more than last year unless a Revenue Neutral Rate hearing is held. It was pointed out that the budget presented would not require a RNR hearing. Discussion followed.

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Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to give the city clerk authority to publish the budget hearing notice as presented. Motion carried.

**Jim Blundell** discussed the council's decision not to mow ditches and cut trees based on the attorney's discussion that the property owners owned to the edge of the street. Clerk Crumrine stated that most of the city streets are plotted 80' wide and the paved portion of the road is not 80'. Attorney Adamson will check into the statute more to determine what the city is responsible for.

**Fire Chief Bryan Midgett** was present to discuss the purchase of 12 SCBA's for the fire department from Dalmatian Fire Equipment at a cost of \$13,660 and had been told that these could be purchased with the American Rescue funding. Discussion followed with the quote being good until July 31<sup>st</sup>.

Motion by Bryant, second by Seaman to purchase the SCBA's for the fire department and use the American Rescue funding if allowable. Motion carried.

**Fire Chief Midgett** also reported that Police Chief Feagan had volunteered to help out in the event of daytime fires and asked if he would be covered under the city insurance if he was hurt during a fire call. This will be checked into with the city insurance agency.

**Mayor Bushong** asked if the council wished to pursue an ordinance prohibiting political displays and the use of profanity and no action was taken on this. The reconciliation of the gas and diesel fuel tanks was discussed and it was questioned on purchasing cameras for this area. Bushong also asked if the police department was doing VIN inspections. Chief Feagan will contact the state to get more information.

**Seaman** asked the status of the Pease condemnation and it will be started soon.

**Police Chief Feagan** informed the council that the monthly activity reports were on their table and that Officer Garrison is patrolling on his own and Garrison will be following Feagan on the shift changes.

**Interim City Supervisor Midgett** reported that the line locator was received and Mayor Bushong asked about Bryan Midgett coming in while he was on vacation and asked if he was covered by the city insurance while responding and should we have a contract with Colton Ingram. This will be checked into with the insurance agency.

## OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

Quotes were presented for the overlay and action was tabled until it was known if the sales tax was extended to see exactly how much was available to do the overlay. The attorney and city clerk will work on the Osage Nation Agreement. There have been no applicant for the City Supervisor position and it was discussed to advertise for a city helper.

Motion by Castle, second by Bryant to advertise for the city help position. Motion carried. The clerk was advised to place the ad on the city website, Chetopa Residents and Labette Avenue.

The first half of the ARPA funding has been received and suggestions for the use of the money were discussed. Mayor Bushong suggested consideration of bonuses for the city workers.

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Other ideas were generators for the water plant along with the purchase of the SCBA's for the fire department. The clerk will look into what are allowable purchases for the funds.

## **COUNCIL RESIGNATION**

A letter of resignation was read from Ashley Brown as she has moved out of the city.

Motion by Bryant, second by Wulf to accept the resignation. Motion carried.

## **VACATION REQUESTS**

Vacation requests were presented by Paul Trinkle-3days: July & August; Patty Wilkinson-5 days in September and Toni Crumrine-5 days in August.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the 3 vacation requests. Motion carried.

## **BUILDING PERMIT**

Posted on the Chetopa Residents Facebook page and the city website without protest: Cameron Snyder to move a utility shed in to lots at 130 Locust St., in the City of Chetopa. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Castle to allow the building permit. Motion carried.

## **BG CONSULTANTS BILLING #5**

Invoice billing #5 in the amount of \$36075 from BG Consultants for professional services on the sewer project was presented for approval.

Motion by Bryant, second by Wulf to approve the invoice. Motion carried.

## **KDHE PAYMENT REQUEST**

KDHE pay request # 4 for the BG Consultants billing #5 was presented for the mayor's signature.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the mayor signing the pay request. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong had questions on the Snyder building permit if it was the intentions of Snyder to make part of the shed for guests was it going to be hooked to water and sewer and Building Inspector Wulf stated that was the intentions of Snyder.

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

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Mayor

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City Clerk