

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

September 20, 2022

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Linda Seaman, Juanita Kepner (via cell phone), Geraldine Castle and Ernie Wulf.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Officer Travis Rakestraw, Attorney Shane Adamson, Utility Bookkeeper/City Treasurer Debbie Darnell, Cameron Snyder, Bill Moses and Vincent Schibi.

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 asked to delete five (5) items from the Old Business as no updates were available: Applications, Prior Special Assessment, Funding Opportunities, River Bank Erosion and Personnel Policy Updates.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the Agenda with the deletions. Motion carried.

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

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

Mayor Bushong questioned the negative balance in Employee Benefits and Clerk Crumrine will do a transfer for next meeting.

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

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3666 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 34637.42
Other Funds	<u>111833.86</u>
Total of all funds	\$146471.28

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Cameron Snyder had been requested to be at the meeting to discuss his intent to build a house on lots at 130 Locust St. and move out of the trailer he and his family have been living in for over a year that was only to be temporary. Snyder reported that they are in the process of

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building a home, but finances have prevented getting it done quickly. Discussion followed and it was requested to give Snyder another copy of the minimum housing ordinance.

Motion by Castle, second by Kepner to allow Snyder six (6) months to be out of RV and disconnected from the city utilities and into a legal housing whether renting or living in the home being built.

Utility Bookkeeper/City Treasurer Debbie Darnell was asked to be at the meeting to further discuss the solar account and passed out the ordinance. Darnell also discussed property at 3rd and Hickory that is out of the city limits. The property owner wants to know if the city will install water meter and sewer tap. Discussion followed and it was requested to get more information before a decision is made. Darnell requested permission to purchase street lights to replace some lights that are on constantly at a cost of \$126.21 each and was given permission. Mayor Bushong discussed the meter reading dates and the conflicts of reading meters with other jobs. The reading dates were set up so that bills did not have more than 30-31 days on them.

Bill Moses presented a bid to trim tree branches around the primary power lines and asked about using the city bucket truck if quote was approved. It was requested to put this on next meeting's agenda.

Mayor Bushong discussed the fence installed on Maple St and had discussion on if fencing requires a building permit. Clerk Crumrine stated that a building permit is required if the dimensions of a building are changed but didn't think a fence required a permit. A citizen had contacted Mayor Bushong about putting speed bumps on Cherry St. to try to slow traffic down. **It was suggested that in lieu of speed bumps to put up stop signs.** This discussion was tabled until Police Chief Feagan was back. Other matters discussed that were tabled until Feagan was back, were stop signs by Carm N Dales being knocked down, ~~and possibility of making the street by the Hornet's Nest a one way street~~ **options to keep semi-trucks from using 9th St by the Hornet Addition and Hornet's Nest** and if restitution had been received on the damage to Pecan Street and the electric meter behind Carm N Dales.

Clerk Crumrine had been contacted about a dead tree in front of 718 Elm. Officer Rakestraw had taken pictures and the tree is definitely dead but didn't measure to see if it was on city property. It was requested to have Police Chief Feagan look at the tree. Crumrine also been contacted by Pauline Brecheisen owner of Saviors of Rust Flea Market about putting up parallel parking signs in front of her business as she feels that people are passing her shop not knowing how to park and had been told that KDOT regulates what signs are put up on the highway. Brecheisen asked if the city could paint the parking area but because it is a state highway, no action was taken on this request by the city council as yellow lines had already been painted on the curb showing parking areas.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP

An email had been received on an updated draft version of the Osage Nation PA and Mayor Bushong reported that she had contacted Moran's office. Officer Rakestraw gave an update on the junk vehicles and that all but two of the previous violations had been corrected and he asked that if there were other vehicles that needed letters written to let him know. Discussion

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on the mowing fees that are charged was held and it was felt that partial hour charges were not enough to deter people from letting their yards overgrow. More discussion was held.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to change the mowing fees to \$90 per hour with a two (2) hour minimum charge plus the \$30 administration fee. Motion carried. Clerk Crumrine will draft an ordinance for the next meeting.

CINTAS BILLING

Entry mats had been discussed to add to the community building, but when Clerk Crumrine had reviewed the Cintas cost to rent the mats and this was discussed with Mayor Bushong. The weekly billing was reviewed and discussion followed.

Motion by Wulf, second by Kepner to cancel the rentals with Cintas for mats, air fresheners, etc. Motion carried.

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

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Mayor

City Clerk