

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

November 15, 2022

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Bob Boyd, Linda Seaman, Justin Nading, Geraldine Castle and Ernie Wulf. Juanita Kepner was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/Interim City Supervisor Scott Feagan and Attorney Shane Adamson.

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

It was requested the delete policy manual discussion and add executive session to discuss non-elected personnel.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to approve the Agenda with the addition and deletion. Motion carried.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle 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.

Motion by Seaman, 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 # 3670** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 31929.00
Other Funds	<u>92009.09</u>
Total of all funds	\$123938.09

**MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS**

**Mayor Bushong** had been approached by the owners of Chetopa Foods about purchasing the grocery store. Discussion followed and no action was taken from discussion. The employee Christmas party was discussed and a date will be decided. An update on the trees and plants that had been received from the Labette Leadership was given. It was asked who owns the old Barr Lumber building and Chief Feagan reported that Tim Smith owns it now. It was discussed about starting to lock the park bathrooms at night if there are no campers in the park, this will be reviewed.

**Boyd** discussed the hole in the old Webster's building window that is getting bigger. This will be looked at.

**Seaman** had been asked if city crews could clean up the sand burrs that are in the horseshoe pits at Veterans Park before the Christmas displays are put up. This will be put on the list. Also asked if the city council was going to have a float in the Christmas parade and no decision was voiced. Several properties were discussed that needed to be cleaned up.

**Nading** requested permission to look into what it would cost to replace the boom on the small utility truck and thought that it might be cheaper than purchasing a different truck. He will start looking at it.

**Castle** informed the council that a wheelchair can't get in the back door at the community building. This will be looked at to see what needs to be done.

**Wulf** reported that behind the fire station needs weeding and Mayor Bushong stated that the gutters at the community building and senior citizen's building needed cleaned out. A complaint filed by John Wolfe regarding someone living in a travel trailer and also a resident not re-registering as a sex offender after moving to a different location. Chief Feagan will look into this complaint.

**Police Chief/Interim City Supervisor Feagan** reported that the forms had been made for the generator pads, discussed spreadsheets on the city vehicles and updated the council on a utility pole that had cracked due to someone hitting the service line and pulled the pole over. Colton Ingram had stabilized the pole so it wouldn't fall and locates have been called in to be able to replace the pole. Feagan reported that it cost \$1535 to fix the fire station generator that was damaged by a power surge.

**Clerk Crumrine** had been asked by Patty Wilkinson, who was updating her 2023 calendar, when the first meeting in July would be as it falls on July 4, 2023. It was decided to reschedule it for Thursday, July 6, 2023. A resident at Mulberry Estates had moved and left a couch and the manager had contact Crumrine to ask if city crews would pick it up earlier than the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the bulk pick up date. There will be no exceptions to the pickup date. The budget amendment was discussed and the public hearing is scheduled for December 6, 2022, and Crumrine requested that all council members be present if possible for the hearing.

**Mayor Bushong** requested that Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler be at least one council meeting a month. A letter will be written to Tyler.

#### **OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP**

No response had been received back yet on the city's willingness to sign the Osage Nation Programmatic Agreement. The vacation request for Trinkle was presented for discussion and it was reported that Tyler will be back before the requested time off.

Motion by Seaman, second by Nading to approve the five (5) days in November of vacation for Trinkle. Motion carried.

A spreadsheet of the junk vehicles was reviewed. The building permit for Brenda Adler to move in a 66' x 14' mobile home in at 921 Plum was again reviewed. Discussion followed.

Motion by Castle, second by Boyd to approve the building permit with the stipulation that the house is torn down in six (6) months. Motion carried.

**OUTSIDE OF CITY WATER METER DISCUSSION**

Mayor Bushong had been told of a water meter outside of the city that has never been read and wondered how many other meters out there aren't being read. This will be looked into.

**BURNT HOUSE CLEANUP**

The house that burn at 716 Maple St on September 17<sup>th</sup> has not been cleaned up and made safe and secure. A letter will be written to the property owners to have the property cleaned up within 30 days of receipt of the letter..

**CHARGING STATION SURVEY**

KMEA had requested a survey be completed if the city would be interested in getting a charging station for electric cars. They wanted to know if there was enough interest before pursuing funding to help with the installation. It was approved to answer yes on the survey, signifying that the city is interested in more information.

**LIBRARY BUILDING REPAIRS**

A list had been given to the council regarding repairs needed on the library building and Chief Feagan will give this list to the city crews to check on.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council and legal counsel present for a period of 15 minutes with the session ending at 9:29 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:14 p.m. Returned: 9:29 p.m.

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

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk