

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

March 21, 2023

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:16 p.m., at City Hall after a quorum was present.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

PRESENT: Council Members/Bob Boyd, Linda Seaman, Geraldine Castle (at 7:16 p.m.) and Ernie Wulf. Justin Nading and Juanita Kepner were not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief/City Supervisor Scott Feagan, Attorney Shane Adamson, Mark Rhodes, Kim Riddle, Tim “Chris” Burnham, Bill Moses (at 7:07 p.m.) and Levi Lashbrook (at 7:12 p.m.).

Mayor Bushong called the meeting to order and 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 Non-Elected Personnel, Waste Tire Grant Discussion, Nuisance Property Extension Request-McElroy and a Museum Board Resignation to the Agenda.

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

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf 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.

Boyd informed the council that he had requested that Debbie Darnell put the interest rates and maturity dates on the CD’s Invested portion of her treasurer’s report.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to approve the Treasurer’s Reports. Motion carried.

Boyd questioned the Garnishment on the Payroll portion of the Warrant Register and Clerk Crumrine reported that the city had received paperwork on an employee to garnish their check for an unpaid loan balance.

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

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE # 3678 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 35000.18
Other Funds	<u>100425.86</u>
Total of all Funds	\$135426.04

MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS

Kim Riddle with Bill Thompson Insurance presented a summary of the city liability, auto, property and work comp insurance through EMC. The premium increased \$7809 to \$105797.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the renewal of the city insurance with Bill Thompson Insurance. Motion carried.

Tim “Chris” Burnham was present to answer any questions that the council might have on the petition to close the alley at the River Market that was tabled from last meeting. Discussion followed. Clerk Crumrine had prepared a draft ordinance to close the alley and it was discussed.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve Ordinance No. 968 pending the attorney’s review and approval. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 968/AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE EAST AND WEST HALVES OF THE EAST AND WEST ALLEY IN BLOCK 29, ORIGINAL ADDITION TO THE CITY OF CHETOPA, KANSAS.

Levi Lashbrook had been asked to come back to the council on the improvements that he has made on the nuisance complaint on his property. Pictures of the property were shown.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to extend the cleanup deadline 30 days. Motion carried.

Mark Rhodes was recognized to report on the cleanup of his property and asked for an extension.

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to extend the cleanup deadline 30 days. Motion carried.

Bill Moses reported that he had completed the tree limb trimming contract and discussed the additional time that was spent cutting limbs out of lines that were not on the map and asked for compensation for these extra hours. Action was not taken at this meeting but will be on the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

Boyd stated that the camper was still on the property at 130 Locust and showed pictures of the camper, the sidewalk renovation being done by KDOT and reported that the toilets have been purchased for the Veterans Park bathrooms. Discussion was held on the bathrooms. ICR is going to hook up the transfer switches for the generators and it was reported that the generators and transfer switches were not attached to the buildings that they were stand alone.

Mayor Bushong discussed the phone issue in the city offices. Discussion followed.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to contact Par Com about the phone problem. Motion carried.

Clerk Crumrine informed the council that the city was awarded the waste tire grant to purchase the seven (7) picnic tables and two (2) benches and asked where the council wished them installed when they can be ordered and received. It was decided to put two (2) picnic tables and the two (2) benches at the pool and the remaining five (5) picnic tables at Elmore

Park. A letter was read from Cindi McElroy, who was unable to attend the meeting, requesting a ten (10) day extension to clean up her properties.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to extend the cleanup deadline ten (10) days. Motion carried.

A resignation letter from Janine Albertini from the Museum Board was read.

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to accept the resignation from Albertini. Motion carried.

Police Chief/City Supervisor Feagan reported that Officer Russell will be going to the academy April 17, 2023 for fourteen (14) weeks, the 40 Kw generator will be delivered Wednesday, the parts were in for the big bucket truck and it will be worked on by Moores Auto Repair, the boom for the other bucket truck has been delivered and Terex will be over to install it next week. As soon as repairs are done, Feagan will schedule both trucks to be tested and certified. It was asked if the blocks around the city complex sign could be put along the front to extend the flower beds and approval was given.

OLD BUSINESS FOLLOW UP

An agreement between KB Archaeological Consulting and the city was presented.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to approve the mayor to sign the agreement pending the attorney review. Motion carried.

The safety committee membership will be: Mayor Bushong, Council Members Seaman and Wulf, Employees Crumrine, Feagan and other employee if he agrees to be on committee. Clerk Crumrine reported that the LKM no longer does the city code updates in house and she is waiting on call back from American Legal Publishing to get prices. Roof repairs and applications were discussed. An ordinance to increase the park camping fees was presented for approval.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to adopt Ordinance No. 967 as presented. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 967/AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 919 AMENDING AND UPDATING SECTION 12-104 (h) OF THE CITY CODE OF CHETOPA, KANSAS RELATING TO PARK FACILITY CHARGES.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with the mayor, council, legal counsel, city clerk and police chief/city supervisor present for a period of five (5) minutes with session ending at 9:05 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:00 p.m.

Returned: 9:05 p.m.

Mayor Bushong called the meeting back to order and the following action was taken from executive session.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to terminate the employment of Robin Grissom effective immediately due to inability to meet job requirements. Motion carried.

An ad will be placed for applications for the city helper position.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned 9:11 p.m.

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Mayor

City Clerk