

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

May 16, 2023

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Tammy Bushong.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Officer Travis Rakestraw, Attorney Shane Adamson, Water Plant Supervisor Mike Tyler and Aaron and Daisy Ellison.

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

Boyd asked that the water plant generators be added to the old business on the agenda.

Motion by Castle, second by Wulf to approve the agenda with the addition. 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 questioned the large increase in the April electric expense on the treasurer's report and that is when the state low rate interest rate loan was paid off.

Motion by Boyd, 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 # 3682** as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$ 38200.76
Other Funds	<u>117260.76</u>
Total of all Funds	\$155461.52

**MAYOR, COUNCIL, EMPLOYEES & VISITORS**

**Aaron Ellison** was present to discuss his upcoming 2023 Neosho River Knap-in that will be held August 18-19, 2023 at the East River Park and asked about having music during this event. Mayor Bushong reminded him that no beer could be sold and there were no objections to using the park for the Knap-in.

**Water Plant Supervisor Tyler** informed the council that he had dropped the truck off at Moores Auto Repair to be serviced. The quotation from Layne Christensen was discussed that contained discrepancies and will be reviewed further. Tyler had contacted Grier Dirtworks about cleaning the well house and pool and the cost is \$275 per hour with an estimate of 8-12 hours

and would be available doing the work around the 24-26 of May and requested a signature on the email be sent to support approval of \$275 per hour.

Motion by Seaman, second by Boyd to approve the hiring of Grier Dirtworks to perform the cleanouts at the well house and pool and sign the email copy. Motion carried.

**Tyler** reported estimates have been received from B&B Electric Motor Company to repair or replace the backwash pump and high service pump, but Tyler has another company coming to look at the pumps. Discussion followed.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to authorize the mayor to approve work based on estimates received. Motion carried.

**Tyler** informed the council that a KDHE inspection is scheduled for Monday and that the water tower upper bowl paint is peeling, but will be covered under the maintenance warranty with McGuire.

**Mayor Bushong** discussed balances on the three month treasurer's report and reported that the solid waste committee has been approached by the transfer station to ask for \$44.50 per ton and asked if a resident has been issued a nuisance ticket for their property.

**Boyd** questioned why there is no fish cleaning station at Elmore Park as fish parts have been left lying around, reported that there are holes in the roof at the pavilion closest to the river, pointed out that there are blocks in an alley and asked if the city complex light sign is operational.

**Clerk Crumrine** reported that she had done a walk through with KDOT on the sidewalk ramps that had been replaced by Heck & Wicker Inc., read a thank you from the Chetopa FFA on a donation made to the Carolyn Trimble Memorial and discussed a damage report made by a camper in Elmore Park.

#### **OLD BUSINESS FOLLOWUP**

A brief update was made on the archaeological survey. The following appointments were made:

Mayor Bushong appointed Hunter Rupert as the Seasonal Mow Man.

Motion by Wulf, second by Seaman to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong appointed Jason Morgan as City Helper at \$15.98 per hour.

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to confirm the appointment. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong appointed Barbara Johnson as Pool Manager and Ashley Hardwick as Assistant Manager.

Motion by Wulf, second by Castle to confirm the appointments. Motion carried.

It was discussed that the generators haven't been started since they were delivered and installation of the transfer switches were then waiting on a utility truck to be returned but now is waiting on ICR to be scheduled to do the installation.

The fireworks agreement with J&M Displays was presented for the mayor's signature. The total cost of the fireworks order is \$8100.

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to approve the signing of the agreement and the cost of the fireworks. Motion carried.

Mayor Bushong questioned the Paxson building permit that had not been approved but the building was already there and asked what could be done. The alley closure petition that had been discussed at the last meeting, was again discussed as it was discovered that the requestor did not own the property on either side of one of the alley closures that was on the petition.

**BUDGET ITEMS**

Clerk Crumrine asked that the council and department heads start working on budget items for the 2024 budget.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Motion by Boyd, second by Wulf to enter into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, clerk and attorney present for a period of 10 minutes with session ending at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:05 p.m. Returned: 9:15 p.m.

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

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to enter back into executive session to discuss non-elected personnel with mayor, council, clerk and attorney present for a period of 10 minutes with session ending at 9:26 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:16 p.m. Returned: 9:26 p.m.

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

Motion by Wulf, second by Boyd to enter into executive session to discuss pending litigation with mayor, council, clerk and attorney present for a period of 5 minutes with the session ending at 9:33 p.m. Motion carried.

Entered: 9:28 p.m. Returned: 9:33 p.m.

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

Motion by Seaman, second by Wulf to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk