

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

January 6, 2015

The Chetopa City Council met in regular session after the special council meeting on Tuesday, January 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at City Hall.

PRESIDING: Mayor Ron Wood.

PRESENT: Council Members/Gary Bryant, Terry Robison, Pat Blaich, Jim Cooper and Carthen Nash. Joey Midgett was not present.

ALSO PRESENT: Clerk/Toni A. Crumrine, Police Chief Scott Feagan, Officer Travis Rakestraw, Attorney Ed Dosh, Shelly and Lucas Pennrod, Lisa and Ryan Hoppock, Pam and Jerry Midgett, Mike Frost, Brenda Carter, Bobby and Robin Hawthorne, Jim Blundell, Dennis Gerrity, Rhonda Addis, Kay Wolfe, Adman Carter, Debbie Darnell, Patty Wilkinson, Jason Dugan, Debbie Crumrine, Michele and William Barnfield (at 7:15 p.m.) and Jeremiah Johnson (at 7:25 p.m.)

Mayor Wood called the meeting to order and asked that Robison open the meeting with prayer.

Bryant asked that a correction be made on Page 3 of the minutes with the motion under loader repair invoice to read:

“Motion by Bryant, second by Blaich to pay the S&H Farm Supply and Jerry Dugan for the repair work done and the hauling of the loader. Motion carried.”

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to approve the Minutes of the last regular meeting with the correction as noted. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Blaich to approve the Treasurer Report. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Robison to approve the Warrant Register. Motion carried.

APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #3477 as follows:

Payroll Funds	\$23895.92
Other Funds	<u>34378.87</u>
Total of all funds	\$58274.79

VISITORS

Mike Frost was present to discuss the payment of an invoice for work done on the loader. Frost outlined the work that was done and discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Robison to pay the FMT labor invoice for work done on the loader. Motion carried. Cooper voted no.

Bobby and Robin Hawthorne were present to discuss their purchase of Papa's Place and discussed the renaming of it (Garrett's Family Restaurant) and their plans of running the restaurant. Bobby Hawthorne addressed the council concerning Article L. Outside Employment

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in the employee policy manual and had been informed that council member Blaich had some concerns with him being a city employee and owning the business. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Cooper to allow Bobby Hawthorne to go on with their business endeavor. Motion carried.

Dennis Gerrity presented a slide show regarding the new city website, www.chetopa.org that is being developed and the email addresses that can be set up. The Chamber of Commerce has endorsed the website and the monthly cost will be \$35. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to pay ½ of the monthly bill with funds being paid out of the Park Fund. Motion carried.

Debbie Darnell, Department Head was present to discuss the economic incentive to Chetopa Foods. Presently the Industrial Fund has \$6194.27 and Darnell reported that the Ottawa Manufacturing loan was almost paid off and the city would not be receiving income very much longer. The clerk reported that in the past funds had been transferred from the Electric Fund to pay the incentive and in 2015 the budgeted transfer is \$15000. The Chetopa Foods contract was discussed with the alternative to paying the \$20000 annual incentive payment being the reimbursement of the sales tax remitted by Chetopa Foods up to \$20000. Darnell also stated that Zach Lawellin had asked about renting the old city barn for storage. The city has the oiler, tractor and roller stored there and Lawellin didn't see a problem with leaving the city's equipment there if he rented it. Bryant asked how much revenue had been collected from the rate increase versus what is paid to Empire and Darnell has not gotten the Empire billings. The delinquent accounts were discussed and the procedure for collection and shut offs.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to find out how much sales tax is collected by Chetopa Foods. Motion carried.

Brenda Carter presented the council with a petition concerning the restriction of allowing farm animals in the city. Bryant asked if the code had a nuisance clause in it and Police Chief Feagan explained the nuisance procedure. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Blaich to not have the farm animal question put on the April ballot. Motion carried. Robison and Nash voted no.

PAYROLL STEP RAISES

With all the financial discussion, the clerk asked about the step raises for four employees and if these were still to be given. Discussion followed.

Motion by Bryant, second by Blaich to withhold the payroll step raises at this time. Motion did not carry. Bryant and Blaich voted yes. Robison, Cooper and Nash voted no.

POOL LINER LEASE PURCHASE PAYOFF

A recommendation to pay off the pool liner with funds from the Park Fund was discussed. This lease purchase is scheduled to be paid off in June of 2016 and paying off early will save interest. The principal is \$10476.04 and the Park Fund currently has \$33937.50 and sales tax money from the ½ cent sales tax is deposited monthly.

Motion by Bryant, second by Cooper to allow the early payoff of the pool liner. Motion carried.

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OTHER OLD BUSINESS

Discussion returned to whether or not to allow Zach Lawellin to rent the old city barn/police station building for storage. Discussion continued.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to offer to rent building to Lawellin for \$100 per month with utilities being put in Lawellin's name on a month to month basis with him having first right of refusal if the city gets a chance to sell the property. Motion carried.

Motion by Bryant, second by Nash to hold Lawellin responsible for insurance on his equipment, tools and liability if any damage occurs to the building. Motion carried.

Information regarding the KDHE 2015 Waste Tire Grant Program was discussed. Jerry Midgett was asked to see how many park benches/tables are in the parks that may need to be replaced. The grant will be presented at the next council meeting.

The registration of Tim Grover to attend the KRWA 2015 Conference & Exhibition and take his Class II certification test was discussed. The cost of the registration is \$150 if done before March 10th. A hotel with a shuttle to the Century II will cost \$124 per night.

Motion by Bryant, second by Blaiich to send Grover to the conference and make the room reservations. Motion carried.

The Neighborhood Revitalization Plan Interlocal agreements have not been reviewed by the Attorney General and the clerk informed the attorney that she was advised to consult him on the public hearing/resolution procedure.

BUILDING PERMIT

Published without protest, Edward Sutton to build a 20' x 20' garage at 319 Plum, in the City of Chetopa.

Motion by Blaiich, second by Nash to approve the building permit. Motion carried.

MEMBERSHIPS/DUES

2015 Dues & Subscriptions from LKM-\$565.15 down \$4.88 from last year; KS Mayors Association-\$50.00; Manatron software support-\$4447.23 up \$129.53 from last year; and Cottonwood and Neosho River Basins Water Assurance District No. 3-\$2354.96 down \$11.43 from last year were presented for approval to pay. The clerk informed the council that the city would have to switch software providers this year, but if a 30 day written notice is given a prorated refund would be issued from Manatron.

Motion by Nash, second by Bryant to approve the payment of the memberships and assessments presented. Motion carried. (Bryant left)

PROJECT PROM DONATION

A letter from Project Prom asking for consideration of a donation to this years prom activities was discussed.

Motion by Robison, second by Nash to not make a donation to Project Prom this year. Motion carried.

KMU DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Information was presented on the KMU Day at the Capitol on January 20, 2015 to any council member wishing to attend.

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POLICE CHIEF MISC.

2014 Year End Activity for the police department was discussed with the comparison to 2013. An update on the brake repairs to the Dodge Charger was given and it was reported that the battery was getting weak in the 2008 truck.

MAYOR, COUNCIL & EMPLOYEE MISC.

Mayor Wood discussed the addition of bathrooms and a concession building in Elmore Park.

Robison asked when funds are available, if a plaque or something could be put at the Chetopa Historical Museum as a memorial to Fannie Bassett.

Motion by Cooper, second by Nash to adjourn. Motion carried.

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Mayor

City Clerk