

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, June 26, 2025, 6:00 P.M.,
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rose called the City Council Meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Mayor Rose lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM – Penny Trumpy, City Clerk called roll: Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, and Mayor present. Absent: R Tatum, Martin, J Tatum, and City Attorneys. No Quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Rose requested to amend the agenda to include

- New Business:
 - C: Special Use Permit 2025-12 – CVFD Auxiliary Pancake Breakfast – July 4, 2025 6:30 am – 12:00 pm.
 - 6 – Police Department request to purchase 2 new Vehicles.

Council Member Ishmael motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Harrison.
Motion passed. (5 yes's)

Scholarship agenda line item was from last month's agenda.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person) None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- May 5, 2025 Special Council Meeting – Fire Station
- May 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting

Council Member Thompson motioned to approve May 5, and May 15, 2025 minutes, seconded by Council Member Ishmael.
Motion passed (5 yes's)

CORRESPONDENCE: The City of Cherokee Village was awarded the 9th safest City in Arkansas. A Letter was received from State of Arkansas House of Representatives – Trey Steimel, State Representative Distract 2. Mayor Rose read the letter which ended with: Thank you for your tireless dedication. The Cherokee village Police Department demonstrates what it means to serve with integrity and honor. Great Job to our Police Department. (This is posted the City of Cherokee Village face book page and website Cherokeevillage.org)

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion Sales & Use Tax and Street Dept Revenue

- Mayor Rose reported an uptick in revenue since last month. We are still on track on expected revenue.
- Council Member Harrison a member of the budget committee asked the department heads to update the Council of line items that need to be changed due to being over budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Request for bids for 2026 Propane were requested and 2 bids were received. MFA was awarded the contract.
- ARDOT will be moving equipment in for the next bridge project after the 4th of July.
- Mayor Rose will check with ARDOT about the gravel that washed in and erosion on the area around past project.
- Waste Management will be transecting into a side loading trucks. Placement of trash totes will need to be more open and not next to mail boxes. More information to follow.
- Saftewise recognized Cherokee Village as #9 Safest City Arkansas for 2025. The Population of Cherokee Village is 4,943. The City is getting close to the 5000 population which opens more financial grants and opportunities for the City.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: See Cherokee Village Web site for reports on File.

PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE

ANIMAL CONTROL: ON FILE - Animal Control proposal for increase in 2025 budget to hire a part time person.

- AC Officer Megan Mansfield requested to amend the 2025 Animal Control Budget line-items of salary and payroll taxes. This will be to compensate for the new part-time employee during her maternity leave. The current budget allocates \$51,800 to Animal Control Salary line and \$3,800 for Animal Control payroll taxes. The new part time employee will start in August 2025 to work no more than fifty (50) hours biweekly at \$11.50 an hour. In reviewing budget numbers with Misty we believe that increasing the Animal Control Salary line to \$60,000 and the payroll taxes line to \$4,200 ensure if the new hire has to help with adoption events or after hour calls we do not go over the

budget amounts. Council Member Rowland asked if this is permanent or until January position. January right now but wants budget committee to consider increase for 2026 budget. Council Member Rowland motioned to approve this request, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Roll Call Vote: Thompson yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Motion passed (5 yes's)

COMMUNITY SERVICE: ON FILE

DISTRICT COURT: ON FILE

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No Report

PLANNING & ZONING: ON FILE

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE

OTHER REPORTS: **PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE**

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Julie Milligan gave a presentation on the active plans to make the goals the Animal Control Committee has in place. This is a reply to the comments made at the May meeting concerning the Animal Control numbers and daily activities.

Julie explained the numbers reported and that those numbers change daily due to adoptions and intake. Julie went over the schedule of the volunteers in managing and caring for the animals. They are a work in progress and working to improve the daily routine of care for the animals. If you would like to hear this presentation please listen the video of the meeting posted on CherokeeVillage.org. Thank you Julie and all the volunteers for your help.

A & P MINUTES: ON FILE: ON FILE – Council Member Rowland gave an update on the 4th of July activities. Food trucks have been added and the Boat parade winner paddles were delivered today. The CVFD Aux. Pancake Breakfast is at Baseheart Fire Station from 6:30 to 12:00 on July 4th. Tickets can be purchased at City Hall and from Baseheart Fire Station. Tickets can be purchased at the check in table the morning of the Breakfast. The 70th Anniversary Celebration was a big hit. The A & P Committee is busy.

AIRPORT MINUTES: ON FILE – **Update by Tony Stallsmith** – Tony gave an update on the activities at the Air Port. Highlights are: New General Manager – John Manning. There has been extension in adding hangers. All hangers are rented with a waiting list. The Eclipse brought in 47 planes from all over the United States. 2 properties were purchased to extend the run ways for larger planes. Tony thanked Council for letting him represent the City on the Air Port Commission.

P & Z COMMISSION MINUTES: ON FILE

ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE:

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: ON FILE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Fire Stations Update. Paperwork is at the Attorneys and Title Companies being finalized.** The paperwork was given to SID after the monthly meeting in June. The last update received was the paperwork was at the SID attorneys for review.
2. **Raze and Removal of 239 Hiawatha Dr 30 day grace period ended June 16, 2025.** This has been completed.
3. **Updates form Municipal League Summer Conference. Attended by Mayor Rose, Council Member Heather Harrison and Jason Lowe.**
 - Mayor Rose attended a FOIA class where FOIA laws are being redefined and new booklets will be out in August.
 - Mayor Rose attended a class on dilapidated buildings for raze and removal. In talking to with a AML Attorney will be sending the Mayor a checklist of steps to follow in raze and removal that the AML backs. By following the AML checklist helps with the support of the attorneys. Mayor Rose asked that checklist be emailed to him.
 - Mayor Rose shared the next conference is winter in January 2026 and encourages any council member to attend.
 - Council Member Lowe shared the valued information that he obtained and the networking opportunities that you make with other City Officials in the area.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Short Term Special Use Permit – VOTE AS 1 ITEM**
 - a) **2025-10 Fall Farmers Market & Oktoberfest - October 4, 2025**
 - b) **2025-11 - Christmas in the Village – December 6 – 8th 2025.**
 - c) **2025-12 – CVFD Aux Pancake Breakfast – July 4th 2025 – 6:30 am – 12:00 pm.**

Council Member Ishmael motioned to approve all three (3) Special Use Permits, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Motion passed (5 yes's)

Due to not having a quorum the Council cannot vote to waive the 3 readings or vote on the Ordinances. Council can vote to read by title only for the first reading. Council Member Ishmael motioned to read Ordinances 2025 – 01, 2025 – 02 & 2025-03 by title only for the first reading, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Motion passed (5 yeas)

2. Ordinance 2025-01 – Repealing Ordinance 2015-06 City Clerk read the title of Ordinance.

- Council Member Ishmael motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-01, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll Call vote: Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Motion passed (5 yeas)

3. Ordinance 2025--02 – Repealing Ordinances 2021-02 and 2021-02A City Clerk read the title of Ordinance

- Council Member Lowe motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-02, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Roll Call vote: Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Lowe yes. Motion passed (5 yeas)

4. Ordinance 2025-03 – Repealing Ordinance 2015-01 City Clerk read the title of Ordinance.

- Council Member Ishmael motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2025-03, seconded by Council Member Harrison. Roll Call vote: Rowland yes, Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes. Motion passed (5 yeas)

5. FNBC Interest rates for the City's accounts. Mayor Rose contacted FNBC to negotiations the interest rates on all accounts. Or interest rate offering will be an adjustable rate based on the wall Street Journal Fed Funds Effective Rate minus 1.25% as published on the first day of every monthly for the next 36 months. Certificate of Deposit Rate offering: On a term of 12 months at 4.00% APY. Council Member Lowe motioned to approve FNBC's Interest Rate proposal, seconded by Council Member Harrison. Roll Call Vote: Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Motion passed (5 yeas)

6. Police Department purchase of 2 New Vehicles. – Chief Lane.

Chief Lane is asking to purchase 2 Tahoe's either 2024 or 2025. The price is \$56,872 for the 2025 and \$53,500 for the 2024 and does not include the equipment. Finding the vehicles are difficult due to they are in high demand. Paper work was presented on what the fleet looks like now as far as inventory. After much discussion and concerns Council Member Ishmael motioned to approve 1 vehicle up to \$68,000 to be paid from the reserve account, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Thompson yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Motion passed (5 yeas)

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS (limit 3 minutes per person)

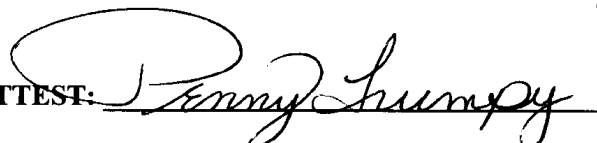
Kelly Harrison questioned the City had set aside money for a landscaper to be hired but the City Inspector is doing the landscaping taking him away from his job. This will be addressed.

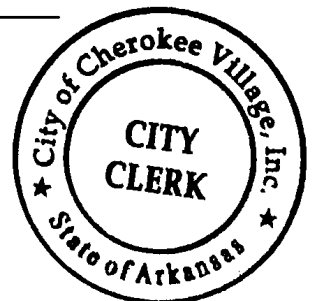
ADJOURNMENT Council Member Ishmael motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Harrison at 7:48 pm. Meeting adjourned.

DATE: 7/17/25

APPROVED: 

Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk



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