

Minutes
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, July 17, 2025, 6:00 P.M.,
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rose call the city Council Meeting to order at 6:00 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, R Tatum yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Mayor and City Attorneys present. Absent: Thompson.
Quorum established (7 present 1 absent)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Rose requested to amend the agenda to include New Business #1 purchase of a truck for the Street Department. Council Member J Tatum motioned to amend the agenda as stated, seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion passed (7 yes – 0 nays)

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON AGENDA ITEMS (limit 3 minutes per person)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 26, 2025 Council Member Martin motioned to accept the June 26, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed (7 yes – 0 nays)

Council Member Jeff Tatum expressed his family's appreciation of the prayers and out pour of love during the loss in their family. Thank you to the Fire Department and the Police. Thank you for the time of absents from Council.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mr. & Mrs. Darrell Beason A thank you note was received from the Beason's to the entire Cherokee Village and City Hall. City Clerk Penny read the note to Council.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Received notification from ARDOT as to work plans. They will be working on side work along the project. Trying not to close the road as long as the past project.
- Moved start date to July 28th.
- Road closed signs will be posted.
- They will try to keep Santee open as long as possible.
- **PLEASE PLAN YOUR DETOUR ROUTS**
- Please use Hiawatha, Sequoyah, and Skyline as they are wider roads...BUT THESE ARE RESIDENTIAL AREAS!
- Thank you to the A & P Committee for the July 4th Thunder on Thunderbird. It was well attended. Thank you to all the behind the scene people, Police, Fire Department, A & P Committee and all volunteers

Council Member Harrison has been in contact with the people, who are to clean up the trimmings of the trees. The new company is correcting where the past company failed. Please be patient with the new company as they correct the mess that was left. You can call City Hall and your concerns will be forwarded to the company.

Mayor Rose also reported talking to Waste Management about the concerns of the a few of the older residence of the totes being to heaving to handle. Mr. Wane Bennet form Waste Management asked that the totes be placed free of any mail box, etc. by 3 feet so the trucks and do the job. There are also smaller totes for those who struggle to handle the big ones.

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

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ANIMAL CONTROL: ON FILE

COMMUNITY SERVICE: ON FILE

DISTRICT COURT: ON FILE

FIRE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE

PLANNING & ZONING: ON FILE

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE

OTHER REPORTS: PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES: NO REPORT – NO MEETING

A & P MINUTES: ON FILE

AIRPORT MINUTES: ON REPORT

P & Z COMMISSION MINUTES: ON FILE

ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: ON FILE

Council Member Rowland asked Street Supervenient Joey Sheets if he would be willing to work with a group in developing a data base of City streets with and without homes on them. Joey would be glad too. Fire Chief Dienst said he has a program that may help with this. The second question Council Member Rowland asked was – Is there a record or database of what streets had work done in the past 5 years. Joey stated not that he knows of.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-01 Repealing Business Annual Occupation fees – 2015-06**
 - Council Member J Tatum motioned to read by title only ordinance 2025-01, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call Vote: R Tatum yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
 - Council Member Martin motioned to wave the 3 readings of ordinance 2025-01 and final passage, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll call vote: Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
2. **Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-02 Repealing Ordinance 2021-02 & 2021-02A Vehicles – Junk**
 - Council Member J Tatum motioned to read by title only ordinance 2025-02, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call Vote – J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Martin yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
 - Council Member Martin motioned to wave the 3 readings of ordinance 2025-02 and final passage, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll call vote: Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
3. **Second Reading – Ordinance 2025-03 Repealing Ordinance 2015-01 Garbage and trash removal.**
 - Council Member J Tatum motioned to read by title only ordinance 2025-03, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call Vote –Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Martin yes J Tatum yes, Lowe yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
 - Council Member Martin motioned to wave the 3 readings of ordinance 2025-03 and final passage, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll call vote: Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
4. **Laserfiche – upgrade to Cloud Storage.** City Clerk explained the importance of a storage procedure. The program we currently use is outdated and does not work with other programs that the front end uses daily. The audit we are currently in is requiring materials to be provided digitally. We are running out of storage space. The proposal packet was given to each council to review. Council Member J Tatum asked when where the money was coming from. Mayor Rose stated we would have to amend the administration budget after reviewing what can be changed. Council Member J Tatum motioned to approve the Laserfiche proposal as presented to be around \$7,052.00. Seconded by Council Member R Tatum. Roll Call vote: Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Motion passed (7 yes's)
5. **Fire Stations Purchase update:** Mayor reported the last update from SID is the paperwork is at the attorneys. Council Member Lowe asked if anyone has reached out to SID to get things moving. City Attorney Jody Shackelford stated the deed was ready to sign and be filed. Council Member Rowland asked if the City was currently paying insurance on the fire stations. City Clerk Penny stated yes, the fire stations are on our new insurance. AML is aware that these properties have been transferred yet. City Attorney Jody said he would reach out to the SID attorney to see if they need anything from him.
6. **Building & Grounds increased budget to hire landscaper but City Inspector is doing the Job Question?** Mayor Rose asked Council to allow him to find a seasonal worker to do the landscaping. Council Member Lowe asked this would be a part timer or a full-time employee. Council Member Harrison stated that the mowing season can go into late September or early October. Council Members discussed the process of accepting bids on landscaping and the City Inspector spending his time and Council approving adjusting the budget for landscaping. Question on jobs not being done and that was not the case. That is not the case. Council Member Harrison stated that Council approved to hire landscaper to let City Inspector concentrate on Inspections and Building concerns. Council Member J Tatum mentioned that this be tabled to the working meeting on August 18, at 6:00 PM so it can be discussed. Charlie Akers City Inspector has been requested to attend the working meeting to answer questions and help council to understand and to be able to answer the community's questions. Seconded by Council Member R Tatum. Mayor Rose stated that no one is saying someone is not doing their job but maybe doing more than is expected of them. Roll Call vote: R Tatum, yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Motioned passed (7 yes's)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Amended: Purchase a truck for Street Department.** Mayor and Street Superintend discussed with Council the need to replace older vehicles that are not repairable. There are several trucks/vehicles that will be sold to help offset the money being spent on newer vehicles. The truck being purchased is a 2014 F250 Ford pickup. Council Member R Tatum motioned to approve the purchase of this truck, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call Vote: Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes. Motion passed (7 yes's).

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

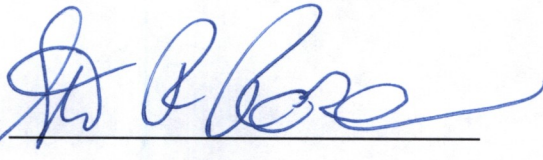
Jan Madson stated several months ago she brought up the condition of a house. There was a concern of the Inspector doing a lot of lawn care and that is when this topic came up. Ms. Madson asked if we had a state representative that maybe could help the city with the purchase of equipment. Trey Stimela is our representative and does a good job for Cherokee Village.

ADJOURNMENT Council Member Ishmael motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Martin at 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned.

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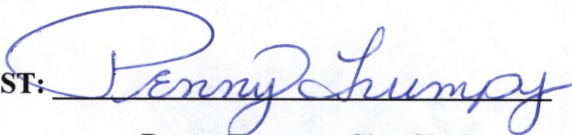
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APPROVED:



Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST:



Penny Trumpy, City Clerk

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