

Minutes
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 21, 2025, 6:00 P.M.,
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rose called the City Council meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE Mayor Rose lead the pledge of Allegiance

MOMENT OF SILENCE – A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM – Penny Trumphy, City Clerk called roll: Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland, Mayor and City Attorney present. Absent: J Tatum.
Quorum established (7 present 1 absent)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Mayor Rose requested to amend the agenda to include New Business #6 Street Department surplus. Council Member Martin motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Thompson.
Motion passed (7 yes, 0 nays)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 17, 2025 Council Member Martin motioned to approve the minutes as presented.
Seconded by Council Member Rowland. Motion passed (7 yes 0 nays)

CORRESPONDENCE: Thank you to Cody Bennet Police Man. City Clerk Penny Trumphy read the Thank you note from Sara. Great Job Officer Bennet and City Police Department.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue – Mayor reported the Sales Tax in online with the 2024 reporting's.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Remind the community that the road construction is moving forward and should finish up on schedule.
- Jonathan Rhoades reported to City Hall that people were using a grass section of his property as a short cut around the construction. Please keep in mind that personal property is not a short cut.
- Megan Mansfield Animal Control received an award from Arkansas State Animal Control Association for Training in Basics for the Animal Control Officer. Great Job Megan.
- Angela Herndon of Planning and Zoning received an award from Arkansas Floodplain Management Association Inc. for Outstanding Floodplain Management Award. Great Job Angela.
- The office of the County Judge of Sharp County, Arkansas issued and Executive order No 2025-41. Authorizing the operation of UTV's on designated public streets and highways within the unincorporated area of the County will attract tourists, boost recreational opportunities and stimulate economic growth. Arkansas Constitution and Arkansas Act 922 of 2025. (posted on website in minutes tab) council can review and decide what City wants to do to comply with it.
- New Computers for Mayor, Treasurer, Clerk and Administration Assistant, Street Department, are up and running. Need to decided what to do with the old ones. Do we wipe them clean and dispose of them, or surplus them. We are using a couple of them. The server is a 2012 or 2016 model and will need updated next year.
- City Clerk Penny Trumphy is working with Lazerfiche and a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 27, 2025 to start the process of updating.
- Fire Station update: The surveys are complete; Sharp County Title is doing the title searches. Onaga and Wakata are ready to proceed. The glitch comes with the Baseheart Station. Mayor Rose is talking with Jonathan Rhoades about gifting the road to the city so the city can declare it a city road which allows the city to maintain the road. The road would go from Cherokee Road to the beginning of the campground property owned by SID. This would also eliminate a need for an easement between the City and SID.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE:

- New Computers are up and running. Now what to do with the old ones?
- Laserfiche – Authorization has been submitted to proceed.
- Mayor Rose hired Skyler Casey to work part time as assistant to the Administrative Assistant.
 - To fill in the front offices where needed.
- Misty is working with Scott from CSA on scheduling the time to come update the accounting system.

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

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ANIMAL CONTROL: ON FILE - Megan Mansfield

COMMUNITY SERVICE: ON FILE – SGT. J. Griffin

DISTRICT COURT: ON FILE – Court Clerk – Amanda Brewer

FIRE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE – Chief Kal Dienst -

- Recognize Jeff Maraman and Corey Martin for completing the Fire Academy. Chief Dienst explained what is required to complete the training to become a firefighter.

PLANNING & ZONING: ON FILE -

- Charlie Ackers – City Inspector
- Robert Otts – Code Enforcement
- Angela Hendon – Administration Assistant

POLICE DEPARTMENT: ON FILE – Chief Monte Lane

OTHER REPORTS:

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ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE MINUTES: NO REPORT – NO MEETING

A & P MINUTES: NO REPORT

AIRPORT MINUTES: ON FILE - July 2, 2025

P & Z COMMISSION MINUTES: ON FILE - July 7, 2025

ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: NO REPORT

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: ON FILE – July 16, 2025

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Building & Grounds increased budget to hire landscaper but City Inspector is doing Job Question?**

Tabled to be discussed at the working meeting before September Council Meeting. Requested for Charlie Akers to be present. After much decision at the working meeting the city will seek sealed bids for mowing and landscaping. Plans are to have the advertising placed the week of September 8 or 15th, with opening the sealed bids at the October 16, Council Meeting. This will be sent to each Council for consideration before it is published. Council Member Thompson brought up the idea if this is a need or a want concerning budget. Council Member Martin was under the idea of getting the bids for budget figures. This brings up the idea of contractors spending their time to present the bids if the city is not planning on awarding a bid. After much decision it was brought up that at the Working meeting it was decided to move forward. Council Member Harrison motioned to submit bids for lawn and landscape for 2026, seconded by Council Member Martin. Council Member Thompson called for point of order because he is hearing different stories from different council members. Council Member Thompson suggest that Charlie attend the meeting for this discussion. Roll call vote: R Tatum yes, Thompson no, Martin no, Lowe yes, Ishmael no, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Motion for Mayor to get bids and present to council at September meeting passed. (4 yes, 3 no's)

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **ACT 505 - Public Meetings** – During the 2025 Legislative Session and going into effect on August 5, 2025. Act 505 amended the Freedom of Information Act's (FOIA) Open Public Meeting statute in significant ways. This enquires for any municipality that maintains a website or social media page to publish the time, place date, and the most current agenda for a public meeting online, at least 3 days before a regular public meeting and at least two (2) hours before an emergency or special public meeting. ARK. Code Ann. 25-19-106 (b)(3)(B) as amended by Act 505. City Clerk reminded Council that they set up prodigal with a resolution that council packet be posted the Friday before the meeting. Submit the meeting notice and agenda 6 days before so it can be published/posted and not put a strain on person posting.
2. **ACT 929 - .GOV DOMAIN** - Requires municipalities to have a .gov domain for their website and official emails. We received an email from the web master that the CherokeeVillage.gov has been approved. Plans are that within 2 months we will be up and running with .gov emails. This will take a lot of change.
3. **Fire Chief Kal Dienst – Grant application** - Chief Dienst has been working with White River Planning and Zoning, who helps with grants. They are a free service to the city. Chief Dienst has applied for a \$100,000.00 Block Grant for a township. White River will be the paid administrator, which comes out of the grant, the city is responsible for \$10,000 leaving around \$85,000.00 grant. A public hearing is required and planned to be held a half hour before the council September meeting. Chief Dienst will work with the girls up front. This grant will be used to purchase a fire truck for the smaller stations.

4. **Special Use Permit 2025-13 CV Fire Department Fill the Boot for Muscular Dystrophy**
a. Saturday August 30, 2025 8–11 am. Watch for Fire Fighters at intersection/business around Cherokee Village. Council Member Martin motioned to approve the Special Use Permit 2025-13, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed (7 yes, 0 no's)
5. **Ordinance No. 2025-04 An Ordinance Establishing an Electronic Funds Payment System for Cherokee Village, Arkansas and for Other Purposes.** Will also need to be compliant with Arkansas Legislative Audit Information Systems Best Practices. The city passed a resolution and Legislative Audit informed us it needs to be an Ordinance to pass audit.
a. Council Member Martin motioned to wave the three (3) readings of the Ordinance, and the ordinance be brought up for final passage by this council without the necessity of reading the ordinance, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Roll Call vote: R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Motion passed (7 yes's – 0 no's)
b. Council Member Martin motioned to Read Ordinance 2025-04 by title only, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll call vote: Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes. Motion passed (7 yes – 0 no's)
c. Council Member Martin motioned to implement the emergency clause seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes. Motion passed (7 yes – 0 no's)
6. **Street Department Surplus** – Street Superintendent Joey Sheets provided a data sheet on the 5 vehicles the street department wants declared surplus. Mayor Rose will contact the company to do governmental auction. Council Member Thompson motioned to declare these vehicles surplus and assess scrap value, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call Vote: Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes. Motion passed (7 yes's – 0 no's)

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

ADJOURNMENT Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Ishmael at 6:53 pm. Meeting adjourned.

DATE: 9/18/25

APPROVED: _____

Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST: _____

Penny Trumpy, City Clerk

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