

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, April 9, 2026, 6:00 P.M.,
CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL
(meeting is recorded, videoed and posted on Cherokeevillage.gov)

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

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

MOMENT OF SILENCE – A moment of silence was observed.

ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM – Roll was called by City Clerk Penny Trumpy: Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, Rowland yes, Mayor and Clerk present. Absent Lowe (arrived 6:15PM) Ishmael, and Attorneys. Quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Council Member Rowland requested to amend the agenda to included New Business #3 Animal Control. Council Member Martin motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no's)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Martin motioned to approve the March 12, 2026 Council Meeting minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no's)

CORRESPONDENCE: NONE

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion **Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue** – Each Council Member received a copy of the up-to-date financials.

BUDGET UPDATE: - Heather Harrison revenue is up and exponders are on track except for a few building repairs that were required.

Council Member J Tatum ask Mayor Rose to thank the Treasurer Skyler Casey for the new format and color-coded financial report which makes it easier to read. Skyler is doing a great job.

MAYOR'S REPORT: -

- There is a Flag Collection Box in the Foyer for Disposal of torn or tattered flags.
- Signature pages for the bank are ready to be signed by signers. Please see Clerk after the meeting.
- Election for open Council seats, Mayor and City Clerk is this year. Important dates are posted on the City's website, face book page, and the front door of City Hall.
- There is a fundraiser for Pamela Rowland (Chaired by Lauren Siebert). Tickets can be purchased after the meeting.
- Last year was the year of AC troubles. This is the year of the waste water issues. The sewer lines have been repaired in front of City Hall in 2 places and 1 inside the Senior Center. Animal Control has an issue with the septic which is being addressed. Fire Chief Dienst reported sewer trouble at Wakita Fire Station.
- Mayor Rose has talked to SID Chairman Brent Hunstad about transferring / gifting land around the Animal Control to give the city more land to repair or install a new septic sometime in the near future. Chairman Hunstad let Mayor Rose know he is ok with the City doing what they are doing as the city is mowing and caring for it.
- Arkansas Pie Festival is April 25, 2026.
- Farmers Market is opening in May
- Music on Center Stage will be starting.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE

ANIMAL CONTROL: -Megan Mansfield – ON WEB STIE - ACO Megan read a statement on the issue of the septic at the animal control. After much discussion Council Member Thompson suggested getting a second bid from a septic contractor. (Danny Taylor): There was discussion of how things were done and who completed the job to code.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: SGT. Jim Griffin -ON WEB SITE -

DISTRICT COURT: - Court Clerk – Amanda Brewer – ON WEB SITE

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Kal Dienst – ON WEB SITE – Chief Dienst reported to Mayor Rose that the Storm Siren Co will be here in the next 2 weeks to install the repaired siren. The Burn band has been lifted.

PLANNING & ZONING: - ON WEB SITE

- **CITY INSPECTOR - Charlie Akers**
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT: - Robert Otts**
- **ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT – Angela Hendon**

POLICE DEPARTMENT: - Chief Monte Lane – ON WEB SITE – Chris Kelly graduated from the academy

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

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: - NO REPORT

A & P MINUTES: - Annual Report 2024 – 2025 – ON WEB SITE – The Annual report was given to each Council Member and been posted on with the Council Packet.

AIRPORT MINUTES: - ON WEB SITE

P & Z COMMISSION, MINUTES: - ON WEB SITE

ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: - NO REPORT – Next meeting is Thursday, April 16, 2026 at 5:30 at City Hall. Council Member Harrison announced if you would like to be on the committee please contact her.

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: - FEBURARY 18, 2026 - ON WEB SITE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance on ADU – Jason Lowe – update** – The ordinance was to be discussed at the P & Z meeting this month but the meeting was canceled. Mayor Rose announced that the meeting was canceled due to Charlie and Robert being at training and Angel had some medical issues. Once it is approved at P & Z it will be brought before Council.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Special Use Permits – can be approved as one**
 - **2026-03 – Arkansas Pie Festival – April 24, - 25, 2026**
 - **2026-04 – Pie Fest 5K – April 25, 2026 – 7 am – 11 pm.**
 - **2026-05 - Spring River Farmers Market - May 23, 2026, - July 25, 2026 8am – 12pm**
 - **2026-06 – Highland Elks Turkey Shoot – March 28, 2026 – Mayor approved**
 - **2026-07 – Arts Center - Music on Center Stage – May 21/June 18 – Sept/17-Oct 15, 2026.**

Council member Martin motioned to approve all Special Use permits as one, seconded by Council Member J Tatum.

Motion passed (7 yes – 0 no's)

2. **Street Department – Joey Sheets – Equipment purchase** – The Street Dept would like to purchase 2 new tractors to replace 2 older ones currently being used.
 - **Cox Implement - \$42,000**
 - **Greenway - \$42648.74**

Council Member J Tatum motioned to approve the purchase of (2) two MF2E from Cox Implement at (up to) \$42,000 each to be paid from the Street turn back fund. Roll Call Vote: Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Rowland yes. Motion passed (7 yes, 0 no's)

3. **Animal Control** – Council Member Thompson suggested that Danny Taylor be notified that this is an emergency due to the situation and can then check the other tanks.

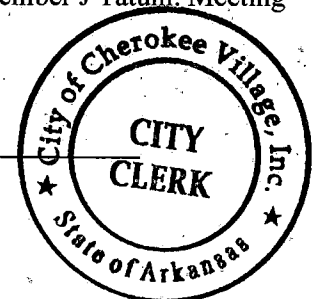
Council Member Harrison noted: Village Pride Road side Clean up is Saturday (4/18/26) at 8 AM. at King Rhoads.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM.

DATE 05/15/2026


MAYOR STEVEN R. ROSE

ATTESTED 
CITY CLERK PENNY TRUMPY



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