Minutes
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, August 13, 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, Present: Harrison, Thompson, Martin, Lowe, Ishmael, Rowland, Mayor, Clerk and Attorney in attendance. Absent: R Tatum and J Tatum. Quorum established.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA –

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: July 9, 2026 Council Member Martin motioned to approve the July 9, 2026 minutes and to include the agenda with the correction of personal to personnel in Executive Session. Seconded by Council Member Harrison. Motion passed (6 yes's)

CORRESPONDENCE: City Clerk Penny Trumpy read the thank you email from Kim Alexander and the Arkansas Municipal League on the appointment of Penny Trumpy and Mayor Rose to the advisory council. Mayor Rose received his appointment letter after the agenda was published.

- **Kim Alexander – Xylem – tree trimming -**
- **Arkansas Municipal League – City Clerk Penny Trumpy appointed to The Advisory Council for the 3rd year.**

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion **Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue - ON WEBSITE**

BUDGET UPDATE: - Heather Harrison – A 2026 Annual Budget Report was present and is posted on cherokeevillage.gov under the minutes tab.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- 16 tattered & torn flags were taken to Highland Elks for the Flag Ceremony in 2027 from the collection box in the foyer.
- Waste Connection complaint email from Benn Feldman was received and addressed by Mayor Rose. A response from Bill Dicks, Waste Connections Site Manager explaining the placement of the tote must be away from obstacles that would interfere with the arm of the truck. In investigating Mr. Feldman's account, the increase went from $21.72 a month – 4/1/23 to $26.74 present. A subscription rate outside of a city is running $170 - $180 per quarter with fees and taxes. Council Members discussed after checking with other companies, it would take the city to provide mailings and collections, which the city does not have the personnel to handle this task. Council Member Thompson reminded council of the Ordinance mandating trash pick-up within the city.
- Fall Auction – Witcher Auction Service contacted Mayor Rose, about any items that would be surplus to be included in the auction. An email was sent to all Department Heads.
- Update on Animal Control land from SID. Mayor Rose is waiting to hear from the surveyor on a legal land description. Mayor Rose address Brent Hunstad, SID chairman, who was in the audience about contacting him for an update.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL: – Megan Mansfield – May 2026 – ON WEBSITE - Megan Mansfield has submitted her resignation letter with her last day as of August 11, 2026. Her last day was 8/7/26 the end of the pay period. Brendan Medlock will step into the ACO position.

COMMUNITY SERVICE: SGT. Jim Griffin – NO REPORT

DISTRICT COURT: - Court Clerk – Amanda Brewer – June 2026 – ON WEBSITE

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Kal Dienst – June 2026 – ON WEBSITE – Mayor Rose read a letter from Chief Dienst stating he is unable to attend the council meeting due to being the instructor of an auto extrication class in Highland for our firefighters as well as several other area firefighters. The following points I would like to be stated during our report section for the CVFD.

- We currently have an opening at the fire department, due to the resignation of the last employee we hired; applications are available at City Hall or Baseheart fire station.
- We have responded to 4 structure fires from July 13 through August 4, 2026. Two of those fires were unintentional ignitions, two fires were found to be incendiary, and one of those investigations is complete, confirming the incendiary nature, the other is currently under investigation. Also, two of those structures were losses; two of them have minimal repairs compared to what they could have been.
- Sharp and Fulton County are currently under a burn ban until further notice.

PLANNING & ZONING: - May & June 2026 – ON WEBSITE

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT: - Chief Monte Lane – JUNE 2026 – ON WEBSITE

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

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: - NO REPORT

A & P MINUTES: - NO REPORT

AIRPORT MINUTES: - NO REPORT

P & Z COMMISSION, MINUTES: - MAY 4, 2026

ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: - April 16, 2026

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: - June 23, 2026

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Flathead Bridge – update – Mayor Rose** – A copy of the Bridge specs are available. Mayor Rose is waiting on the plans to move the sewage line that crosses the bridge.
2. **First Community Bank – CD's – Mayor Rose** – Council has authorized for money to be moved from the reserve account (ending in #9706) to CDs at First Community Bank. Interest will be at least 4.05% for a 3-month CD for $150,000 and a 6-month CD for $150,000. The Treasure and or Administrative Assistant has authority to complete this transaction. Roll Call Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes. Vote 6 yes, 0 nos. Motion passed

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Special Use Permits – Motion to approve in one vote**
   - **2026-10 - Octoberfest & Fall Farmers Market October 3, 2026 8 am – 9 pm at Cherokee Village Town Center.**
   - **2026-11 - Christmas in the Village December 5, 2026 8 am – 8 pm. Cherokee Village Town Center.**

Council Member Martin motioned to approve Special Use Permits 2026-10 and 2026-11, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed (6 yes's 0 no's)

2. **Street Department equipment purchase – Joey Sheets** Street Superintendent Joey Sheets proposed to Council to purchase a 2018 Kenworth T370 Dump Truck for $69,500. Funds to be paid from the Street Department Money Markey account. Council Member Thompson motioned to approve up to $71,500 for the purchase, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call Vote: Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Motion passed (6 yes's 0 no's)

Executive Session – Mayor Rose – personnel – Council went into executive session at 6:48 and returned at 7:06 pm. No decision was made.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

- Sherri Lamers read a letter from a neighbor whom was out of town with concerns regarding 7 Caclan Trace. The email was forwarded to Mayor Rose after the meeting 8/13/26 at 9:07PM. Mayor Rose stated he would gather the answers to the questions and respond. This is a subject that gets addressed almost dailey but is moving slowly.
- Richard Broadway – Has concerns of the condition of the road in the Santa Fa Addition Trailer Park and properties with excessive trash. This will be researched.

ADJOURNMENT - Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

DATE: 10/8/26

APPROVED: _____
Steven R. Rose, Mayor

City of Cherokee Village, Inc. CITY CLERK State of Arkansas

ATTEST: _____
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk

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