Cherry Valley City Council Meeting Cherry Valley City Hall 166 Highway 1B Cherry Valley, AR 72324 May 14, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Call to order of City Council meeting at 6:00 pm meeting.

Interim Mayor Earnest Meredith	Present
Council Member Thomas Wilson	Present
Council Member James DeWitt	Present
Council Member Ricky Lace	Present

#### **Others Present:**

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett Water Manager A.W. Curtis Police Chief Jamie Walls

**Visitors:** Dennis Stephens

The meeting was opened with prayer by Council Member James DeWitt.

Pledge of Allegiance

# **Minutes**

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to approve the April 9, 2024, city council minutes; Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Financials**

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the April 2024 financials; Council Member DeWitt seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

# **Street**

The culvert on Sifford needs to be replaced. The location of the culvert will require correspondence with the Union Pacific Railroad to stop trains during the replacement. The culver will cost approximately \$8,000.00 for culvert only. The county road department will be assisting with the culvert replacement.

#### Police •

Chief Walls and Cross County Sheriff David West agreed to swap 4 Bionic thermal imaging binoculars in exchange for the 2014 Dodge Charger owned by the Cross County Sheriff's Office. The binoculars cost \$468.00 each for a total of \$1,872.00.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to exchange the 4 pair of binoculars for the 2014 Dodge Charger; Council Member DeWitt seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Ball Fields**

The fields have been lasered and leveled. The soil is in good condition.

#### Water

Manager A.W. Curtis has installed all the electronic read meters. Two customers did not receive the electronic read meters (First Financial & Baptist Church Hut) since they were in asphalt.

Stricklin Plumbing requested to be paid \$50.00 for each setter replacement within the system. There were 20 setters that needed to be replaced for the new meter installation.

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to pay for the 20 setter installations at \$50.00 each. Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Council goes into executive session at 6:42 pm Council is back from executive session at 6:57 pm

#### **Mayor Appointment**

On a motion made by Council Member DeWitt to appoint Earnest Meredith as Mayor, Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

### **Vacant Council Seat**

On a motion made by Council Member Lace to appoint Dennis Stephens to the vacant council seat, Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

## City Credit Card

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett requested to remove Adam Love from the city's credit card and add Mayor Earnest Meredith.

On a motion made by Council Member DeWitt to remove Adam Love and add Mayor Earnest Meredith to the city's credit card, Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

## **Adjournment**

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to adjourn at 7:44 pm, Council Member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be June 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Stacey Bennett, Recorder Treasurer

Earnest Meredith, Appointed Mayor

Minutes approved on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2024