

Cherry Valley City Council Meeting
Cherry Valley City Hall
166 Highway 1B
Cherry Valley, AR 72324
July 11, 2023, at 6:00 pm

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

Mayor Adam Love	Present
Council Member 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
Fire Chief Shane Bell
Police Chief Jamie Walls
Court Clerk Terrie Hess-Chappell

Visitors:

Shellie Marquis, Steve Dixson (AML Field Representative), Cynthia Conner, Hunter Vick, Hunter Stephens, Kalinn 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 June 13, 2023, city council minutes; Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 for 0

Financials

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to approve the June 2023 financials; Council Member Meredith seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 for 0

Visitors:

Hunter Stephens

Mr. Stephens had concerns of the no side by side allowed on city streets and highways. Mr. Stephens noted he uses the side by side for farming purposes. Mr. Stephens

explained the city understood it was used for farming purposes, but the city could not change the state law.

Fire Department

Chief Bell noted a training class had to be rescheduled due to the department helping with clean up from the tornado in Wynne. The fire academy has changed the regulations on classes. In the past you could just show up the night of the class and now you must register 2 weeks prior. No paper admission forms are accepted you must register online. All certificates are emailed to the instructor instead of mailing them. Chief Bell is still looking for a solution to fix the frame on Rescue.

Police Department

Chief Walls presented 2 quotes for body and dash cameras.

The utility quote was for \$31,110.00 over a 60-month term (40% down - \$12,440.00, at signing and balance to be equal payments for years 2-5 - \$4,667.50). Some of the options included with Utility are automatic download, live feed, officer down notification, with 5-year warranty. Utility will reimburse \$200.00 per body cam and 5 retrofits per cam. Arkansas Police Chief Association will reimburse \$250.00 per vest total of \$1,000 annually.

Axon's quote was for \$20,394.70 over a 60-month term (equal payments of \$4,078.94 per year). Axon does not include automatic download, live feed, officer down notification, without additional cost for these options.

On a motion made by Council member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Lace to approve the Utility quote in the amount of \$31,110.00 for body and dash cameras. Motion passed 4 for 0 against

Water Audit

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett presents the June 30, 2022, water audit with no findings.

Water Budget

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett presented the 2023-2024 water budget.

On a motion made by Council Member Meredith, seconded by Council Member Wilson to pass the 2023-2024 water budget. Motion passed 4 for 0 against

City Park Complex

Mayor Love noted the dirt work was almost finished at the park for the ball fields. Mayor Love requested to get bids to complete the project, to see where we stand.

On a motion made by Council Member Meredith, seconded by Council Member Wilson to allow Mayor Love to request bids to get the final cost on park. Motion passed 4 for 0 against

Arkansas City Clerk Recorder Treasurer Association (ACCRTA) Clerk of the Year

Mayor Love informed the council at the June 2023 Arkansas Municipal League Conference Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett was named the 2023 ACCRTA Clerk of the Year. Mayor Love stated this is a big accomplishment to receive this award and Stacey works hard for our city and we can all see that; the city is lucky to have her. She is willing to go to other cities and to help them as well and he appreciates that, she always asks if Mayor Love is okay with it, and she gives her time to help other communities as well.

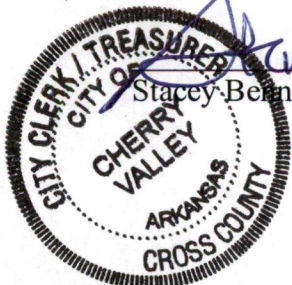
Steve Dixon stated Stacey is highly thought of in the Arkansas Municipal League. She is the go-to person when Steve has another clerk issue or a clerk question. He stated the city is fortunate to have somebody in a small town like this with that caliber.

Shellie Marquis noted Stacey was the first city that welcomed her in. Within the last 3 years she has been to other cities with the state especially during COVID that she has sent other cities to Stacey to receive help. Without Stacey helping these other cities with the Cares Act funds they would not receive their funding. Stacey has helped Shellie understand the things that are required for cities and law enforcement to meet audit requirements.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Council Member DeWitt, seconded by Council Member Lace to adjourn at 6:42 pm. Motion passed 4 for 0 against

Next meeting will be August 8, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.



Stacey Bennett, Recorder Treasurer

Adam Love, Mayor



Minutes approved on this 8 day of August, 2023.