

Cherry Valley City Council Meeting
Cherry Valley City Hall
166 Highway 1B
Cherry Valley, AR 72324
July 9, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Roll Call

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

Others Present:

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

Visitors: Steve Stricklin, Richard McCay

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 11, 2024, city council minutes; Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Financials

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

Zoning

Steve Stricklin requested a variance to place campers on a vacant lot for the duration of the windmill and solar panel projects.

After a lengthy discussion, the council made the following recommendations:

1. The warranty deed must be in the citizen's name.
2. Lots must be vacant.

3. Campers would only be allowed during the duration of the projects.
4. Owner pays water deposit and water bill.
5. If a meter needs to be set, the owner pays for the meter set and deposits.
6. Twenty (20) foot minimum between campers.
7. Owner has fifteen (15) days to have campers removed from property once the project is completed.
8. Landowners must sign the agreement and pay any funds owed before placing anything on the vacant lot.
9. If owners do not comply with the regulations set by the city council, all attorney and court fees are to be paid by the landowner.

Council member DeWitt made the motion to approve the variance as requested with the above regulations, Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ball Fields

McCay Construction turned in an invoice in the amount of \$9,850.00. The invoice covered hauling topsoil from the high school, spreading, and tilling in topsoil, repairing erosion behind the fence, and low spots in the fields.

Council member Lace made the motion to approve the invoice as presented and to pay McCay Construction, Council member DeWitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Engineering Services

On a motion made by Council member Wilson to terminate the services of Harston & Associates (Jeremy Stone – Consultant) on the city park complex. Council member Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dugout Foundation

A quote in the amount of \$13,940.00 was presented for 4 dug out pads.

On a motion made by Council member Wilson to approve the dugout foundation quote as presented. Council member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dugouts

A quote was presented in the amount of \$25,747.26 with a max amount of \$30,000.00 for the 4 dug out without roofs.

On a motion made by Council member Stephens to approve the dugout without roofs quote as presented. Council member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ball Field Irrigation

A.W. Curtis suggested the irrigation to the ballfield should be a 3" PVC, with 2 blowoffs (one on each field), with 4 sprinkler heads per field, with an outfield junction box for nelson spray gun.

On a motion made by Council member DeWitt to approve a maximum of a \$10,000.00 in expenditures on the irrigation, Council member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Sod for Ball Field

Jamie contacted Poinsett Turf and Grass for sod for the erosion on the softball field. They quoted a price of \$500.00 for the area of sod needed. Once the city is ready to cut the fields for sod, Jamie is to call them back for a quote on the amount we will need.

On a motion made by Council member DeWitt to approve the purchase of the sod for \$500.00 for the softball fields. Council member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2007 Dodge Ram 2500 4 X 4

Jamie Walls requested to purchase a 2007 Dodge Ram 2500 4 X 4 for \$8,050.00, with a fuel transfer tank. Chief Walls requested to accept sealed bids on the 2003 Chevy Truck.

On a motion made by Council member Lace to approve the purchase of the 2007 Dodge Ram 2500 4 x 4 as presented. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

On a motion made by Council member DeWitt to accept sealed bids on the 2003 Chevy Truck until 12 noon on August 13, 2024, with sealed bids to be opened at the next regular council meeting, the truck will have a reserve of \$2,500.00 with the city being able to reject all bids. Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Arkansas City Clerk Recorder Treasurer Association –

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett was sworn in as Vice-President for the Arkansas City Clerk Recorder Treasurer Association in June at the Arkansas Municipal League Summer Conference. Bennett's term will be July 2024-June 2025.

Fire Department Drive

A quote for \$8,500.00 was presented for an 85 x 10 concrete slab to connect to the current slab coming out of the fire station. The concrete will be 6 inches thick with rebar.

A quote for \$10,500.00 was presented for a 36 x 26 concrete approach from Highway 42 with new sidewalk and curb stops. The concrete will be 6 inches thick with rebar.

On a motion made by Council member Wilson to approve both quoted for concrete at the fire station, Council member DeWitt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

City Building

Cherry Fest has occupied the building located on railroad street for several years. Cherry Fest uses this building for storage for the annual Cherry Fest held in September. Cherry Fest is requesting to lease this building for 99 years at 1.00 per year from the city.

On a motion made by Council member DeWitt to lease the building to Cherry Fest as requested, Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Police

Chief Walls requested to purchase a laptop with a back lit keyboard for the Explorer with the approximate cost of \$1,800.00. Chief Walls will move the laptop from the explorer to the Charger. This expense will be paid out of the CV Police Savings. The council had no objections to this request.

Arkansas Municipal League Appointment

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett has been appointed to the Arkansas Municipal League Advisory Council for Public Safety for 2024-2025.

Street

Speed limit and Kids at Play signs will be placed on Thunderbird Lane.

Drainage within the City

The Pitts Street drainage issue is from the citizens' culvert not big enough and caved in areas for the water to not flow through properly.

The City Council requested a letter to be written by the mayor on having a meeting with Arkansas Department of Transportation to see what can be done on getting culverts cleared out for better drainage.

Citizens speaking before the council.

1. Request to be on the agenda 1 week prior to meeting.
2. Three (3) minute time limit.

Amending the 2023-2024 Water Budget

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett requested to amend the 2023-2024 budget.

On a motion made by Council member Lace to amend the 2023-2024 water budget as presented, Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

2024 - 2025 Water Budget

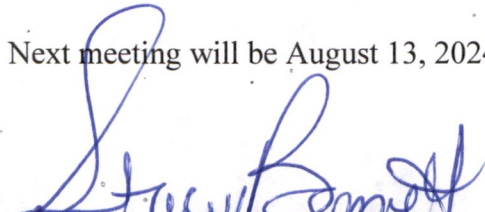
Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett presented the 2024-2025 water budget.

On a motion made by Council member DeWitt to amend the 2024-2025 water budget as presented, Council member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to adjourn at 8:28 pm, Council Member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be August 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.


Stacey Bennett, Recorder Treasurer


Earnest Meredith, Appointed Mayor

Minutes approved on this 13th day of August, 2024.

