

Cherry Valley City Council Meeting
Cherry Valley City Hall
166 Highway 1B
Cherry Valley, AR 72324
August 13, 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: James Lee

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes

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

Financials

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

Zoning

James Lee requested a variance for a three (3) phase project on 13 acres. The variance would be located adjacent to the property located at 3367 Hwy 42. Each phase will have a separate septic tank.

- Phase 1 – RV Park starting with 6 spots. Each spot will have electricity and water on a gravel lot.

- Phase 2 – Laundry Mat – 24 x 36 building with shingled roof. Four (4) washers and dryers (1 small, 1 medium and 2 large size) to start off, with the ability for expansion up to 8 each. Cash and vending machine onsite.
- Phase 3 – this phase would be 6 – 12 months out. 80 x 40 concrete slabs for mobile homes.

Council Member Wilson made a motion to table the variance request for further review; Council Member Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Ball Fields

Dugouts and storage sheds will be completed this week. This does not include the roofs.

The scoreboards are 8' x 24' with wireless remotes and have been ordered. Production and shipping should take 4-6 weeks. Scoreboards were paid for by donations.

Irrigation supplies have been ordered and are waiting for their arrival.

Hulled grass seed will be spread out on the fields and tilled in to mix in with the surface dirt. Sod is being priced. Sod may be placed on the fields once they are cut.

Dug Out Roofs

Jamie received a quote from Henley Construction for \$6,950.00 per dugout roof. Roofs will be framed in treated wood, with metal roofs, trim and edges. The roof will be royal blue with silver trim and edges.

Council member Wilson made a motion to accept the quote from Henley Construction as presented, Council member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously

Water Plant Construction

The final plans have been submitted to Arkansas Natural Resource Commission for approval. Once approved the construction will be up for bids.

Rescue 1

Chief Bell was informed the repairs on the rescue were going to be more than what the truck was worth. Chief Bell suggested not to repair the truck at this time.

Cherry Valley Fire Department (CVFD) By-Laws

CVFD by-laws requires each firemen to have 24 hours of certifiable training by June 30 of each year. Any fireman not meeting these requirements are to be suspended from payroll until the hours are received. Each fireman signed the by-laws. Certifiable training

is gained through classes with the Arkansas Fire Academy. The fire academy emails certificates now instead of mailing them. Recorder/Treasurer Stacey Bennett informed the council some firemen did not meet these requirements due to the lack of certificates from the academy. The firemen have taken the classes just not received the certificates. Chief Bell and training officers have provided the signed class rosters to Bennett.

Council Member Lace made the motion to pay the firemen from the class rosters due to the lack of certificates from the fire academy, council member Wilson second the motion. Motion passes unanimously

Arkansas Forestry Commission Grant

Chief Bell will be applying for this grant for repairs to the brush truck.

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.

Cities Personnel Policy Handbook

Council members will review and bring back suggestions for any changes. Recorder Treasurer Bennett will complete a rough draft with updated changes.

Sealed Bids on 2003 Chevy Truck

Mayor Meredith opened the sealed bids:

1. Sherry Crosby - \$150.00
2. Lynn Meredith - \$2,575.00
3. Mike Wood - \$2,502.00

Council Member Lace made the motion to accept the bid from Lynne Meredith in the amount of \$2,575.00, council member Wilson second the motion. Motion passes unanimously

Arkansas Municipal League Appointment

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

Street

Speed limit and Kids at Play signs will be placed on Walnut Street.

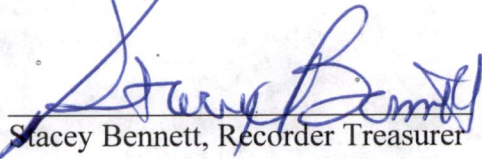
2023 Fiscal Year Audit

Recorder Treasurer Bennett presented to the council the exit meeting report on the 2023 Fiscal Year audit with no findings.

Adjournment

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm, Council Member Lace seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be September 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.


Stacey Bennett, Recorder Treasurer


Earnest Meredith, Appointed Mayor

Minutes approved on this 10th day of September, 2024:

