

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday, December 18, 2025, 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 6:03 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. Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Mayor, Clerk, and City Attorneys (Jody and John) present. Absent R Tatum, J Tatum. Quorum established.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Harrison amended the agenda to include New Business #3 Proposed Budget Resolution. Council Member Martin motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Council Member Harrison. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no’s)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** - Council Member Martin motioned to approve the November 20, 2025 minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed. (6 yes, 0 no’s)

**CORRESPONDENCE: #1 Hannah Eisenuerge #2 Cherokee Village Animal Control** – Mayor announced receipt of both letters.

**FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue**  
Mayor Rose stated the revenue is slowing down a little.

**BUDGET UPDATE: - Heather Harrison** Will address in New Business with Resolution

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

- Governor has declared December 26, a holiday. With the Council’s approval City Hall will be closed. Motion by Council Member Martin to approve December 26 as a holiday, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no’s)
- City Hall will be open 8- 2 on Wednesday and closed New Years Day, January 1 and January 2, 2026.
- ARDOT completion date for the bridge project is the end of March.
- Conversations with State Representative Trey Steimel, concerning the old hospital. Approximately June of 2026 this property should be up for auction from the State Land Commission.
- 2026 Holiday Calendar was approved.

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL: –Megan Mansfield – On website**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE: SGT. Jim Griffin – On website**

**DISTRICT COURT: - Court Clerk – Amanda Brewer – On website**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Kal Dienst – On website** – Chief Dienst reports the Thunderbird tornado siren is broke and being repaired. Chief Dienst has the company bidding new stationary sirens. If it is feasible to replace vs repair it will be brought back to council for consideration.

**PLANNING & ZONING: - On website**

- **City Inspector - Charlie Ackers**
- **Code Enforcement: - Robert Otts**
- **Administration Assistant – Angela Hendon**

**POLICE DEPARTMENT: - Chief Monte Lane – On website**

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

**ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: - No meeting**

**A & P MINUTES: - Tuesday 10/30/25 – 11/14/2025 – On website**

**AIRPORT MINUTES: - December 3, 2025 On website**

**P & Z COMMISSION, MINUTES: - None**

**ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: - No meeting**

**TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: - November 19, 2025 – On website**

**WELCOME CENTER – 2025 Report – On website**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Election term for City Clerk- update – Penny** – Discussed Monday at the working meeting the election term for the City Clerk to stagger the Mayors and City Clerk. Penny talked to Tonya at Sharp County Election who talked to the State. It was referred to the City Attorney. You cannot change the terms for elections.
2. **Waste Connection Contract – Supreme Court ruling.** – The proposed contract with Waste Connections was an exclusive contract. The Supreme Court ruling that Municipality’s may contact with a with a single company for residential pick up but sublet amental roll offs or pick up cannot be exclusive. If council members agree Mayor Rose will relay that ruling to his Waste Connections contact.
3. **ADU’s Ordinance – Eddie Ishmael** – Eddie apologized for dropping the ball and missing this meeting. Jason Lowe was at the meeting and elaborated. A special Planning and Zoning Meeting to discuss how to approve the ADU. Jason offered to help with ordinances and paperwork to help Angela in Planning and Zoning before the paperwork was presented to Council for approval. Jason has talked to Municipal League as to the time line and details on ADU’s. A description of an ADU is an addition living dwelling on a property that already has a living dwelling. Council Member Rowland asked if there had been any decisions on the shed that was installed. Mayor Rose stated that since it was built, there isn’t much that can be done and we will have to make sure the same mistake is not made. After much discussion about proper procedures and how things were handled it will continue to be addressed with Planning and Zoning.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Legislative Audit Final Ruling** – Council is to review this report and accompanying comments, if applicable. A the first regularly scheduled meeting following the receipt of this report. Each Council Member was giving a copy of the Final Report to review. Mayor asked for Council to review every page and ask any question. The report is posted on the website in the Council Packet.
  - **Page #1** – Table of Context.
  - **Page #2** - Legislative Joint Auditing Committee Letter
  - **Schedule 1** - Schedule of Financial Information ending December 31, 2024
  - **Schedule 2** – Combining Schedule of Financial information – Special Revenue Funds ending December 31, 2024
  - **Schedule 3** – Other information for the year ended December 31, 2024

Motion by Council Member Martin to approve the Legislative Audit Final Ruling for 2024 after being reviewed by Council. Seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Roll Call Vote: Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Motion passed (6 yes 0 no’s)

**2. Law Suit - Case No. 25CV-25-10 Mark A. Kronkosky Petitioner v. Steven R. Rose in His capacity as Mayor of City of Cherokee Village – Respondent. – Mayor Rose**

Mayor Rose stated they were in Court on 11/26/25 the County Judge has ruled the Mayor will appoint a Special Administrator for SID.

Mayor Rose has talked to several prospects with everyone declining to accepted the appointment. The appointment must be filed within 14 Calendar days from the date of the order. (12/22/2025). Council Member Thompson suggest the City Attorney approach the Judge to get an extension on the appointment time due to the Holidays. After discussion the Attorney said he could but time was short. Mayor Rose gave an option of using a temporary person until a candidate was found. Council Member Lowe asked the question of who was to pay for the SA – Sid or the City. Attorney stated that he will follow up on this. Council Member Lowe asked if the Mayor appoints the Special Administrator and the pay comes from the City does that pay have to be approved by Council. Mayor Rose reported that Mayor falls under the tort concerning liability, City Council does not. Council Member Rowland ask if the City has any part in working on the corrections of SID. Mayor Rose stated “NO, the City is not working with SID. The Special Administrator once appointed will work with SID. Mayor Rose was hoping to have a commitment by this meeting but has not received one.

City Clerk Penny Trumpy informed Mayor, Council and audience that there is a misprint on the title of the lawsuit case number. The correct Case No. 25CV-25-100, for clarification.

As soon as confirmation is made it will be announced to the public.

**3. 2026 proposed Budget (for all departments) – Heather Harrison – Resolution 2025-08**

- Budget Committee has working on this since September
- This has been discussed in dept at the Working Meeting last Monday.
- Heather reported that the changes from Monday are:
  - i. Administration Revenue is a plus \$12,000.00
  - ii. Animal Control Labor is a minus \$17,450.00
  - iii. The 2026 Budget is a \$108,584.00 deficit.
- Keep in mind that:
  - i. Street Turn Back Money can only be used for certain things.
  - ii. If the City has to pay for the Special Administrator salary
  - iii. Chief Dienst is working on the tornado sirens.
- Those are the big-ticket items.
- Mayor Rose asked Heather for the totals of the budget
  - i. Total Revenue           \$3,610,650.00
  - ii. Total Expenders       \$3,719,234.00
  - iii. Deficit                   \$ 108,584.00
- Mayor Rose asked Council Member Thompson “what percent is the difference”? council Member Thompsons quick figuring is about 3%. Mayor Rose stated that since he has been Mayor the revenue has increased about 3%.
- Council Member Harrison address the need for more income even after making cuts. Heather also is on the Ecumenic Development Committee and welcomed people to attend the meeting with ideas on how to increase the revenue in the city. Those meetings will be posted on the Cherokeevillage.gov, the city’s Facebook page and the information board in front of City Hall.
- Council Member Rowland asked Council Member Harrison about the numbers changing on the way the Street funds can be spent and affecting the bottom line of the budget. It

does because the revenue comes in but is restricted as to how the street department can spend it.

Mayor Rose reminded everyone that a budget is a projection into next year. We are hoping to have a certain revenue to fund the proposed budget. If you do not have the revenue, you do not fund the propose budget.

Resolution No 2025-08

A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE. (2026 Budget)

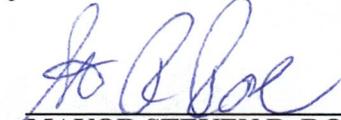
Roll Call Vote: Thompson yes, Martin Abstained, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Harrison yes. Mayor announces Motion passed (5 yes 0 no's 1 abstained)

Public who signed to speak at meeting concerning:

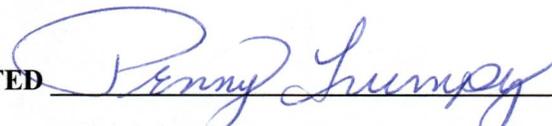
1. Several spoke on the condition of the house and length of the construction time, permits issued and process at 7 Caclan Trace. These are neighbors that are concerned and tired of the length of construction and condition the property is in.
2. Council Member Thompson suggest the City Attorney, the Inspector and the Health Département get together and address the condition, safety of this home. This property should not be extended in any way as it has been too long. There were lots of questions on the permits issued and time of permits.
3. The property owner spoke of time frames and permits that were issued.
4. Jan Matson - In October concerning the ADUs a hold was put on issuing building permits under 1000 sq feet so how did the shed permit get issued. Mayor Rose explained that the shed permit was issued before the AUD hold was talked about, and they are 2 different issues.
5. Kelly Harrison voiced her opinion on how this property is affecting the property and area around it. Kelly is new to the P & Z Committee and learning and looking for direction.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Ishmael. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

DATE 2/19/26

  
MAYOR STEVEN R. ROSE



ATTESTED   
CITY CLERK PENNY TRUMPY

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**CITY HALL WISHES YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMANS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!**

**CITY HALL WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 24, & 25 TO ALLOW THE EMEPOLYEES TO SPEND THE HOLIDAY WITH FAMILY.**