

**Minutes**  
**CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS**  
**REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Thursday February 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M.,**  
**CHEROKEE VILLAGE CITY HALL**  
*(meeting is recorded, videoed and posted on CherokeeVillage.gov)*  
*Council Reports will be 1 month behind to make it easier!*  
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**CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Rose called the meeting to order at 6 PM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Mayor Rose lead the pledge of allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – A moment of silence was observed.

City Clerk read a statement from Council Member Pamela Rowland. Will you please announce to the public and the recording that I'm not there because of my surgery. I hate missing council and I don't want anyone to think I'm just not coming for the heck of it. I will be back in March, with bells on, ready to work. Pamela just had one surgery and is scheduled for another. With all the flu and cold ramped at City Hall Pamela chose to not attend.

**ROLL CALL, ESTABLISH QUORUM** – Roll was called by City Clerk Penny Trumpy: Harrison, yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Mayor, Clerk and City Attorney (John) present. Absent: Ishmael, and Rowland. Quorum established.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – Council Member Martin motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member Lowe. Motioned passed (6 yes's, 0 no's)

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 18, 2025 & January 15, 2026 (No Quorum – round table discussion)** Council Member Martin motioned to approve both Minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motioned passed (6 yes's, 0 no's)

**CORRESPONDENCE: NONE**

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Discussion **Sales & Use Tax** **Street Dept Revenue** Posted on Website in council Packet

**BUDGET UPDATE:** - posted on website

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

- Mayor Rose stated “As you walked in tonight you saw our construction going on with our plumbing issues.”
- Mayor Rose has been in contact with the Highway department about the debris on the side of the first bridge replacement. The ARDOT department is working on a project and will address this once they have completed that project and are in the area.

**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

**PLANNING & ZONING:** No report

- **CITY INSPECTOR** - Charlie Akers
- **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 report Council Member J Tatum apologized for not having the Ordinances completed. He had a everything on a flash drive and misplaced the drive.

**A & P MINUTES:** - No meeting – Council Member Lowe reported that A & P members would be attending the Governor’s Conference in Little Rock on tourism. How to attract revenue and visitors.

**AIRPORT MINUTES:** - on website – December 3, 2025

**P & Z COMMISSION, MINUTES:** - No meeting

**ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE:** -No meeting

**TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE:** - on website – December 17, 2025

**OLD BUSINESS:**


1. **Ordinance on ADU – update** Council Member Lowe email paperwork to City Attorney on how the septic tank would be installed and regulations due to lot size.
2. **7 Caclan Trace – update** – City Clerk read an email from City Inspector. A follow up on our discussion about Hannah I don’t see the village has any recourse but to proceed with our plan to condemn her property. I understand she has stated that her bank has funds available to complete the project but we know no contractor will give her any bids.
3. **Guyon Drive Shed – update** City Clerk read an email from City Inspector. Rick Phillips at 16 Goyon with all do respects to complaints by neighbors and a few Council members their dwelling services were done by state licensed contractors and meet all codes. The Sante Fe addition has numerous trailers that are either vacant, in disrepair, trach etc. I see no further action needed to force any hardship on these folks, just my thoughts. Thank you. Council Member Lowe addressed Council with concerns that should never happen again and the person be held accountable for this mistake. This sets a precedent for others.
4. **Waste Connections Contract – Mayor** In 1/15/26 minutes - Contract is signed and filed.

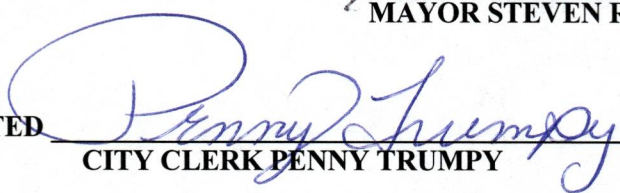
**NEW BUSINESS:**

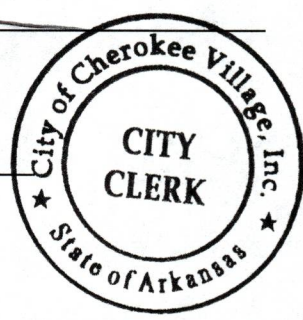
1. **Mayor Pro-tem** – Mayor Rose stated that Council Member Jeff Tatum has been Mayor Pro-tem for the past 3 years. Council Member Martin motioned to appoint Jeff Tatum as Mayor Pro-tem, Council Member Harrison announced she would like to put her name in. Council Member Thompson seconded the motion on the floor. Mayor called for roll call vote: R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum Abstained, Lowe No, Harrison No. Motion passed (3 yes’s 2 no’s 1 abstained)
2. **REAFFIRM - Citizens Participation at City of Cherokee Village Public Meetings.** Council Member Martin motioned to accept the Citizens Participation, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll call vote: Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes. Motion passed (6 yes, 0 no’s)
3. **COUNCIL PROTOCOLS FOR 2026 -**
4. **PRINCIPALS AND GUIDELINES 2026** - Council Member Martin motioned to through the Principals and Guidelines for 2026, out as they are useless. Council Member Thompson asked to discuss this before the second was made. Council Member Thompson as council to consider that Council does need to consider proper conduct by Council during meetings. We are not perfect and if you look at the past recording it shows. Council Member Thompson encourages council not to second the motion. Council Member Martin withdrew his motion. Council Member Thompson motioned to accept the Guidelines, sign them and try hard to follow them, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll call vote: Martin no, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes. Motion passed (5 yes 1 no)
5. **Resolution 2026-xx - Establishing a Code of Conduct for City Council Members**
6. **Statement of Financial Interest** – Council please complete and return to City Clerk.
7. **Ordinance 2026 -01 Establishing a Base Rate of Salary for the Elected / Appointed Mayor and City Clerk of The City of Cherokee Village, AR for 2026, and for other purposes.** Council member Martin motioned to reduce the pay for the upcoming Mayor and Clerk by \$5000.00. Council Member Thompson spoke of the value of the positions of Mayor and City Clerk and the hours put in then asked Council Member Martin to resend his motion or see if a second would come. After much discussion an NO SECOND to the motion, Council Member Thompson motioned to accept the ordinance as presented, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll Call vote J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin abstained. Motion passed (5 yes’s, 0 no’s, 1 Abstained)
8. **Special Use Permit – Community Event – Community Connections and Non-Profit Day – Ameer Mitchell** Community Connections & Non-Profit Day, Spring River Innovation Hub CV Saturday April 11, 2026 11:am – 2 pm.
9. **Law suite Proposal – City listed as third party – Mayor Rose** – Posted on City Website under Minutes. Mayor Rose explained this was on the agenda to acknowledge that Council has seen the Proposal not to discuss what the City’s plans are.

**ADJOURNMENT** - Council Member Martin motioned at adjourn, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

DATE 3/12/26

  
MAYOR STEVEN R. ROSE

ATTESTED   
CITY CLERK PENNY TRUMPY



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