

MINUTES
CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, March 12, 2026 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 6:00 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, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes. Mayor, Clerk and Attorney present. Absent R Tatum. Quorum established

APPROVAL OF AGENDA - Council Member Martin motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Council Member Martin motioned to approve the February 19, 2026 minutes as presented, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed.

CORRESPONDENCE: City Clerk summarized the letters from both Sparklight and Recycling. Letters are on the web site under council packets for review.

- **SPARKLIGHT ADJUSTMENT** – price increase
- **RECYCLING LETTER FROM ORE- RECOVERED MATERIAL** – discontinuing plastic.

FINANCIAL REPORT: JANUARY 2026 - Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue – on website included in council packets.

Council Member Harrison stated that it is time for the budget committee to review the first quarter financial. Mayor Rose suggested an April meeting to discuss the animal control salary budget, and the budget in general. Council Member Harrison will set up a meeting to be published.

Mayor Rose announced that Skyer Casey has replaced Amy Kreutzer as treasurer. The treasurer is a full-time position and has access to all online banking accounts for the City of Cherokee Village. Council Member Martin motioned to accept Skyer Casey as City Treasurer and allow access to CV banking accounts, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll call vote: Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland Yes, Harrison yes. Motion passed (7 yes, 0 no)

Mayor Rose explained to Council the Construction in front of City Hall. The 50-year-old cast iron drainage pipe servicing City Hall had 3 broken sections. One to the left of the entrance to City Hall, one to the right and one in the inside of the Senior Center. The total of the 2 repair bills are \$26,510.92. Mayor Rose suggested these be paid from the First Community reserve account (505). Council Member Martin motion to pay the plumbing repairs as suggested, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Roll call vote: Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, Thompson yes. Motion passed (7 yes, 0 No)

MAYOR’S REPORT: STATE OF THE CITY

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS: PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE

ANIMAL CONTROL: –Megan Mansfield – NO REPORT
COMMUNITY SERVICE: SGT. Jim Griffin – ON WEBSITE
DISTRICT COURT: - Court Clerk – Amanda Brewer – ON WEBSITE
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Kal Dienst – ON WEBSITE

A new recruit is graduating from the academy in the next few weeks.

PLANNING & ZONING: NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025 - ON WEBSITE

- **CITY INSPECTOR** – Charlie Akers
- **CODE ENFORCEMENT:** - Robert Otts
- **ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT** – Angela Hendon

POLICE DEPARTMENT: - Chief Monte Lane – JANUARY - ON WEBSITE

OTHER REPORTS: PLEASE SPEAK INTO THE MICROPHONE

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: - NO REPORT

A & P MINUTES: - DECEMBER 4, 2025, & JANUARY 22, 2026 ON WEBSITE – Jason Lowe reported that members attended the Governor’s Conference in Little Rock on February 22, 2026. This is a conference on tourism and what other areas are using to draw people. The annual report is completed and will be delivered. The Pie Fest is growing in status and people. There are several smaller areas doing much more than what CV is doing and giving the A & P committee a lot of ideas. Details on the pie festival is on the arkansaspiefestival.com

AIRPORT MINUTES: - JANUARY 7 & FEBRUARY 4, 2026 ON WEBSITE

P & Z COMMISSION, MINUTES: - NOVEMBER 3, & DECEMBER 8, 2025 ON WEBSITE

ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: - NO REPORT – A meeting will be set and Council Member Harrison has a list of community members that would like to participate on this committee. If you are interested contact Council Member Harrison at heather.harrison@cherverokeevillage.gov

TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: - JANUARY ON WEBSITE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Ordinance on ADU** – Jason Lowe Attended the P & Z commission meeting and presented a draft of an ordinance. A public meeting will be scheduled.
2. **Fire Stations** – Have been transferred and filed.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Special use permit #2026-02 Highland Elks Lodge #2539 Easter Egg Hunt at Tohi Trail – April 4, 2026 11 am.** Council Member J Tatum motioned to approve the 2026-02 permit, seconded by Council Member Martin. Motion passed (7 yes, 0 no). Mayor Rose asked the question of why and when Special Use Permits on private property are necessary. Council Member Martin replied that special use permits were started to help the city know event plans and insurance. Council Member J Tatum asked why the Mayor did not have authority to approve without bringing it to Council. Council Member Thompson stated the issue was it kept the community and council informed on any liability and any tax dollars that are being used and recommended to continue to require Special Use Permits. Council Member Lowe states this also lets the Community, Police, and Fire Departments know what events are happening. No vote was taken but the consensus of the Council is to continue to require special use permits.

COMMENTS/QUESTIONS ON CITY RELATED BUSINESS (limit 3 minutes per person)

Hanaha Isenberge – 7 Caclan Trace expressed her concern with the Condemnation letter she received on her property. This has been an on-going situation with the completion of the building of her home. Mayor Rose asked that Mrs. Isenberge set a meeting with the mayor and anyone one else to discuss options.

Mayor Rose asked about moving the Council Meeting to the second Thursday of each month and the working meeting to the second Monday of the Month. After some discussion Council Member Thompson motioned to move the Council meeting to the second Thursday and the Working Meeting to the preceding Monday of the Council Meeting, seconded by Council Member Martin. Roll Call vote: Lowe yes, Ishmael yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes. Motion passed (7 yes, 0 no)

There was a clarification on the working meeting.

The Council meeting will be the second Thursday of each month with the working meeting being the Monday before, with both starting at 6 PM. This will start in April 2026.

Council Member Rowland asked about forming a committee to address the situation if the City were to gain the SID properties. Mayor Rose agrees that the city needs a 3 – 5 – 10-year plan and this was also part of the Economic Development Committee. Council Member Thompson questioned the lack of feed back from the Economic Development Committee in the past. Council Member Rowland agreed the committee needs too and will report back to Council.

Municipal Candidate Deadlines General Election data sheets were placed around Council and the sign in desk for anyone interested in running for an Elected Official position for the term 2027 – 2030.

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POSITIONS:

- ✓ MAYOR
- ✓ CITY CLERK
- ✓ CITY COUNCIL MEMBER – WARD 1 POSITION 2
- ✓ CITY COUNCIL MEMBER – WARD 2 POSITION 2
- ✓ CITY COUNCIL MEMBER – WARD 3 POSITION 2
- ✓ CITY COUNCIL MEMBER – WARD 4 POSITION 2

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Martin motioned to adjourn, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 2026 6:PM

DATE

04/22/2026


MAYOR STEVEN R. ROSE

ATTESTED


CITY CLERK PENNY TRUMPY



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