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CITY OF CHEROKEE VILLAGE, ARKANSAS
REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, October 8, 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, Present: Harrison, R Tatum, Thompson, Martin, J Tatum, Lowe (arrived at 6:02 PM) Rowland, Mayor, Clerk and Attorney in attendance.
Absent: Ishmael. Quorum established. (7 present, 1 absent)
APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Combined September (no meeting) and October Agenda – Council Member Martin motioned to accepted the agenda with the removal of New Business #4 Tonto Lane Road work August 2025, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Mayor Rose called for roll call vote: Harrison no, R Tatum yes, Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe no, Rowland no. Motion passed (4 yes's 3 no's)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: August 13, 2026 - NO MEETING IN SEPTEMBER – Council Member Martin motioned to approve the August 13, 2026 minutes, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed (7 yes's)

CORRESPONDENCE: #1 Torra Brown – Thank you to Robert Otts – Code Enforcement
#2 Laura Sacket – resignation letter from Planning and Zoning Commission. City Clerk Penny Trumpy read the correspondences from Torra Brown and Laura Sacket. Mayor Rose announced that there is 1 vacancy on the Planning and Zoning Commission if anyone is interested come by City Hall and talk to him or leave your information at the front desk.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Discussion **Sales & Use Tax Street Dept Revenue - ON WEBSITE -** Mayor Rose stated this is the first time the figures have not increased and is hoping this is not the trend.

BUDGET UPDATE: - Heather Harrison – Mayor Rose informed Council and public that the city's obligation toward the 911 systems updates will increase from about $23,000.00 to about $42,550.00. Some if this has to do with a loophole that ATT found and has not paid into this program. This is statewide and a hot item in legislation to close this loophole. Council Member Harrison ask the Department Heads to have their figures to Misty by October 27, 2026 to give us 2 council meetings to get everything in order. Financials are included in the monthly Council Packets posted on the City's website available to public. Most Departments are under budget.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Job opportunities currently with the city are #1 Street Department is looking for a full-time employee. #2 Fire Department is accepting applications for full time. (Fire department applications can be picked up at Baseheart Fire station from Chief Kal Dienst.)

As I (Mayor Rose) get toward the end of my term it is bittersweet and looking back at what was accomplished for the citizens of Cherokee Village. I made a list today and know it is not an all-inclusive list.

1. One of the big things as I came into office was the Highway Department replacement of the 2 low water bridges here by City Hall. This project was stalled and we were able to get it back on track.
2. Flat Head Drive repaving – Arkansas State Street Grant of $300,000.00
3. Update Website, and Facebook page trying to get more information available quickly to the people. We post videos, Council packets, and minutes to list a few. We are trying to be transparent and inform the public of activities in and around the city and area. Please check out the website and Facebook page.
4. Changing of the lights in the Council room to remove the humming of the old bulbs to LED bulbs. Also updating the LED light and the signs in the parking lot of City Hall.
5. The expansion of Trunk or Treat in City Hall parking lot. The Police and Fire Departments started this several years ago and this will be the 3rd year of City Hall employees and Local Business and Community members join in. Last year we estimated over 600 kids attended. Trunk or Treat will be Saturday, October 31, 2026 from 5 – 7 PM. If you want to participate contact Misty or Penny at City Hall to get on the list.
6. Transfer of the Fire Stations from SID to the City allowing the City to make capital improvements on property owned by the city not leased.
7. Upgrades/repairs HAVC units and plumbing at City Hall and upgrades to the Senior Center.
8. Safety Award with the help of the Safety Committee, Chief Dienst, Charlie Akers, Joey Sheets, and Penny Trumpy which awarded the city a discount on the workers compensation rate.
9. Animal Shelter updates through donations, Septic repairs, new generator, new dog house facilities and cat house facilities.
10. Flat Head Bridge – in old business.
11. The city was able to purchase four vehicles, a new fire apparatus, and able to update some street department vehicles and equipment.

I (Mayor Steven R. Rose) would like to thank council and everybody for being involved and helping me these past 4 years.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL: – Brendan Medlock – July & August 2026 – ON WEBSITE
COMMUNITY SERVICE: SGT. Jim Griffin – May, June & July 2026 – ON WEBSITE
DISTRICT COURT: - Court Clerk – Amanda Brewer – July & August 2026 – ON WEBSITE
FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Kal Dienst – July & August 2026 – ON WEBSITE
PLANNING & ZONING: - NO MEETING – NO REPORT
CITY INSPECTOR: – Charlie Akers * CODE ENFORCEMENT: - Robert Otts *ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT: – Angela Hendon
POLICE DEPARTMENT: - Chief Monte Lane – July & August 2026 – ON WEBSITE

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

ANIMAL CONTROL COMMITTEE: - NO REPORT - Council Member Rowland asked about the updated ordinance for Animal Control. Council Member J Tatum stated it has been turned over to Ms. Penny and going to City Attorneys for legal. We are trying to have this ready for Council in December. Council Member J Tatum has suspended the animal control meeting unless the mayor needs it again. Council Member J Tatum thanked everyone who helped with this and thinks we finally got it nailed down. City Clerk informed Council that a copy has been given to the attorneys for review.

Council Member Thompson asked Mayor Rose if Planning and Zoning had been brought up. Mayor Rose stated there will be a vacancy to be filled in Planning and Zoning. Council Member Thompson stated since Council Member Rowland brought up about the ordnance for animal control, do we have an update on the ordinance that started about 10 months ago from when Council Member Lowe raised the issues out in Santa Fe Addition. What is the status of that update ordinance. Council Member Lowe stated this was on the ADU's and was supposed to be discussed at the Planning and Zoning meeting and the attorneys approved it and we just need to add the verbiage about the right-a-way for the 911 making sure that is done. That will be done by the next meeting.

A & P MINUTES: - June 25, & August 27, 2026– ON WEBSITE
AIRPORT MINUTES: - July 1, & August 5, 2026 – ON WEBSITE
P & Z COMMISSION, MINUTES: - NO MEETING
ECONOMIC EXPLORATION COMMITTEE: -NO MEETING
TRI-COUNTY SOLID WASTE: - July 15, & August 19, 2026 – ON WEBSITE

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Flathead Bridge – update – Mayor Rose** – Brent Gill is planning on repairing Flathead Bridge the week of October 19th. Depending on weather the plan is about a week. The bridge will be closed for through traffic. Mayor Rose has talked to the schools about bus routes. They will be replacing the decking on the bridge. The Street Superintendent will also treat the exposed metal with a zinc coating and spackle concrete. The closing reminder will be posted on the website and Facebook page.
2. **7 Caclan Trace, CV – Hannan Eisenberg – Bank email** - The bank hired a structural engineer to inspect the property but we have not received a report yet.
3. **Richard Broadway** – Santa Fa Addition Roads and trash concerns at August 13, meetings. Update: The street department has made several passes and made sure things were cleaned up. They did a good job.

Mayor Rose reported the Street department has made another batch of cold mix. That makes (2) two this year totaling about 1100 ton of cold mix this year for road repairs.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Special Use Permits – Approved by Mayor Rose due to No September Meeting.**
   - **2026-12 – Highland Elks Turkey Shoot – 10/25/26 & 11/15/26 7 am to 2 pm at Highland Elks 15 Elks CV AR.**
   - **2026-13 – Cherokee Village Lions Club White Cane Day. October 1, & October 8, 2026 Iroquois & Cherokee Rd.**

Council Member Martin to approve Special Use Permits 2026-12 and 2026-13, seconded by Council Member J Tatum.
Motion passes (8 yes's 0 no's)

2. **Resolution No. 2026-02 – A Resolution to Levy AD Valorem Taxes for the Counties of Sharp and Fulton, Arkansas, for the City of Cherokee Village.**

Mayor Rose asked City Clerk Penny Trumpy to read Resolution No 2026-02. Council Member Martin motioned to approve Resolution No 2026-12 Levy AD Valorem Taxes, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Roll Call Vote: Thompson yes, Martin yes, J Tatum yes, Lowe yes, Rowland yes, Harrison yes, R Tatum yes.
Motion passes (7 yes's - no's)

Mayor Rose remembered that Brightspeed has the contract to install fiber optic cable in the city. That is in process now.

3. **MCE – McClelland Consulting Engineers – Max Hicks – Saginaw Waterline project** – Each Council Member has a copy and this is included in the Council packet on the website. This is posted on the website also. The company that Contracts for the Water Board is planning to replace waterline around on Saginaw. This will be installed in the road as the berms are unlevel. Council Member Martin motioned to approve to move forward with this proposal, seconded by Council Member J Tatum. Motion passed (7 yes's 0 no's)
4. ~~**Tonto Lane road work August 2025**~~ – Removed from agenda per vote above.

Council Member J Tatum asked the Mayor Rose to be able to make a comment. Jeff apologized for not being in attendance at several Council Meetings. This was due to having surgery which was complicated by infection causing more surgeries. Jeff was not supposed to be here but want to full fill his duties and will continue to heal.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS (limit 3 minutes per person) Mr. Mark Mazza lives on Hiali Dr started by thanking the street department for fixing his road. He has a proposal concerning snow removal. Snow can shut down the city due to roads not being clear. Mr. Mazza proposed the city start a slush fund to hire a couple people to plow snow to help the street department. The state needs to clear the highways first thing in the morning to make roads travelable. Mr. Mazza has also seen a mountain lion by his house twice.

UPCOMING EVENTS: CHECK OUT THE CHEROKEEVILLAGE.GOV & FACEBOOK FOR DAILY UPDATES

- **October 17, 8th Annual Citywide Fall Drop Off – 2 Tekawitha Dr. 9 am – 3 pm. The electronics man will be there.**
- **October 24, Roadside Liter Clean Up – Village Volunteers - Meet at King Rhodes at 8 AM**
- **October 31, Cherokee Village Trunk or Treat – 5 – 7 PM at City Hall Parking Lot. Call City Hall to sign up to pass out candy. Business or individuals are welcome to sign up. Please keep it kid friendly.**
- **November 1, - American Veterans Memorial ¼ beef raffle to restore the Memorial. – American Legion Post 346**
- **December 5 – 7 Christmas Bazaar – Town Center**
- **December 7, Christmas in the Village – Town Center**
- **December 28 – 30, Ronnie Brogdon Tournament – A.L. Hutson Center**

Council Member Harrison wanted to make it clear to the constituents that requested to set the record straight on an agenda item that got knocked down by council members. Heather wants to say I appreciate y'all here and coming to get your questions answered. If you have any questions for Council Members or how a department heads are running their department, I encourage you to call them to discuss your concerns.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2026 AT 6 PM.

ADJOURNMENT – Council Member Martin motion to adjourn, seconded by Council Member Thompson. Motion passed. (7 yes's – 0 no's) Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

DATE: 11/12/26

APPROVED: _____
Steven R. Rose, Mayor

ATTEST: _____
Penny Trumpy, City Clerk

City of Cherokee Village, Inc. ★ CITY CLERK ★ State of Arkansas

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