

## MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF THE CHENOA CITY COUNCIL

MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The Chenoa City Council met in regular session on February 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. Mayor Shane, Commissioners Pickett, Myers, Lopeman, Hernandez, Attorney Mann, Treasurer Rowold and City Clerk Rhoades were in attendance.

#5638 Commissioners Myers and Pickett moved and seconded the Motion that the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 23, 2024 and the Minutes of the Executive Session of January 23, 2024. That the bills and payrolls be allowed, and orders on the Treasurer be drawn in payment of same. The roll call vote was affirmative.

#5639 Commissioners Pickett and Myers moved and seconded the Motion to Approve to Sign Contract with Axon for Police Dash Mounted Cameras. The roll call vote was affirmative.

#5640 Commissioners Myers and Pickett moved and seconded the Motion that to Approve the Silliman Trust Advisory Board Recommendation by Allowing the Chenoa Dog Park to use \$20,000 of the Silliman Trust Funds to go towards the Dog Park Project. The roll call vote was affirmative with Commissioner Lopemman negative.

#5641 Commissioners Myers and Pickett moved and seconded the Motion that to Approve an Ordinance Adding Title 10, Chapter 15 of the City of Chenoa Zoning Regarding Solar Energy. Ordinance #867. Subject to Provision which Requires Affirmative Proof of Insurance Upon Renewal or Procurement to the City. The roll call vote was affirmative.

#5642 Commissioners Myers and Pickett moved and seconded the Motion that the council do now adjourn. The roll call vote was affirmative.

IN OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL:

### **Presentation from the Regional Planning Commission**

They said they help with long term planning, special studies, and research. They are grant funded. They do a lot with urban planning and development. They help and get involved in things all over the county. They will help Chenoa by assisting with a long term plan. The plan can look at land development, infrastructure and anything the City would like to set for goals. They help with the research and resources that are necessary. They are currently updating the plan to help guide and direct what they call Human Services Transportation.

### **Contract with Axon for Police Dash Mounted Cameras**

Chief Cornwall said he sent the council a breakdown of the contract and the system specifications the day before. The current cameras were purchased in 2015. They are out of date and out of warranty by 5 years. They no longer repair the current equipment and it would have to be replaced. He said it is still working but it is not as reliable and is unsure how long it will keep working. The

current company has to pay to maintain the servers and back up servers to store all of the videos. He said Axon is the company they use for their body cameras. He would like to use Axon as he feels it is the best one that he has looked into. They insulate and do on site training. The cameras have a 5 year warranty. The videos are uploaded and saved to the cloud. Most of the agencies around use this same system. This would be a 5 year contract. They would put 5% down now they would ship the equipment now and get it installed before having to make the first year's payment. He is requesting the council to approve the 5% which is \$3,200 to be paid now and to sign the contract. He asks that the money comes from the Asset Forfeiture Funds as that can only be spent on specific things, which this program falls into. After the first 5 years they get all new cameras.

### **Silliman Trust Advisory Board Recommendation**

Mayor Shane said the committee suggested \$20,000 from the Silliman Fund for the dog park. Commissioner Lopeman said he is still concerned about the maintenance of the dog park falling on the city employees. He said 51 people answered the dog survey and only 30 were in support of the dog park. He would not say it is in huge popularity in the community. He does not think the City should spend a whole lot of money on the dog park. There was some debate on what the Silliman Trust money is to be used on. It was clear that it is to be used for the betterment of the community, which the dog park would fall into.

### **Moving Forward to Obtain IDOT Permit for Street Light Project at Intersection of 24 and 66**

Commissioner Lopeman said the initial cost for Ameren to put street lights at the intersection was in the low \$7,000's. The council discussed a few meetings back about extending how far the lights went back. The new cost would be \$8,717.50 for 90 days. This is street light power only. They can add more power for plug-ins that can be used to charge phones. This can be paid from the TIF District and from the Hotel Occupancy Tax. The council agreed to look into adding more power for people to be able to charge their phones as it is a tourist stop.

### **Cornbelters Chenoa Night**

Commissioner Hernandez said the Cornbetlers reached out to the City to see if they were interested in doing a Chenoa Night at a game. Businesses would have to buy into it for \$100 each and would each get 25 tickets to use that night. The City would also have to buy a certain amount of tickets that would be handed out at City Hall to first come first serve. The City would have to buy a minimum of 50 tickets at \$4.00 a ticket. The council agreed to think about this and decide at the next meeting. He will work on getting a date.

### **Ordinance Regarding Solar Energy**

Mayor Shane said the Zoning Board has worked on this and made all the changes they felt were necessary. After several questions on clarifying different sections of the ordinance regarding the different rules in different zoning, proof of insurance and the decommissioning, they added a provision

that requires affirmative proof of insurance upon renewal. There are currently no solar regulations in the city. This would regulate all solar panels and systems in the city limits.

### **Comments from the Floor**

None

### **Attorney's Comments**

Attorney Mann said he has met with Commissioners Lopeman and Hernandez on how to deal with violations and the general penalty. He will be getting some things to the council on that soon.

### **Treasurer's Comments**

Treasurer Rowold went over the accounts that have surplus and deficits for this year so far. He said they will be okay this month but they will need to be looking at pulling from the line of credit or borrowing more from the General Fund. He gave the council budget worksheets to start working on next year's budget.

### **Commissioner's Comments**

Commissioner Myers

None

Commissioner Pickett

None

Commissioner Hernandez

None

Commissioner Lopeman said a VFW brought up to him that they are wanting to put up a new flag pole like the one going into vinyl village. They want to put the box on the sidewalk in front of the VFW. Mayor Shane said they will need to submit their plans and measurements and it can be discussed at the next meeting. He asked the council if everyone has their training done that is required after 90 days of being seated on the council. The street department has been doing some equipment repairs, helped in other departments, and some road and alley repairs and maintenance.

Mayor Shane said the clearwell is up and ready to go. It should be being used by the first of next week.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Alicia Rhoades City Clerk