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TO: Cherokee County Council

SUBJECT: Minutes of Regular Meeting, 10/3/22

There was a Regular Meeting of County Council Monday, 10/3/22, 5 PM in Council Chambers. Chairman Tim Spencer presided with Lyman Dawkins leading in prayer. All council members were present along with Administrator Bratton, Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop, Attorney Joe Mathis and Master Clerk to Council Doris F. Pearson. The news media was informed by agenda and it was posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Two news media were present. There were 13 visitors.

Councilman David Smith made the motion to adopt the agenda of the Regular Meeting of Monday, 10/3/22 as received and posted in accordance with the SCFOIA. Tracy McDaniel seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Lyman Dawkins made the motion to approve the minutes of the PH & Regular Meeting of 9/19/22 as received. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to approve the claims for Cherokee County as listed in the amount of \$806,121.50. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Council heard from Petitioner Kristine Schaffer. She had concerns regarding the broadband and the urgency of getting it into the rural areas; why the new VA Residential Care Facility is not open for full capacity; why our veterans have to travel to other counties for health care; why the county doesn't have more job fairs going on to hire people throughout our county; why there is no public transportation provided; need of information provided by the Voter Registration Office as to whom is going to be on the election ballot for the upcoming Nov. election; what resources can become available for the citizens in our areas?

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-17 Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans. Lyman Dawkins seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to adopt the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 2022-24 to amend Section 6-1, et seq., of the Cherokee County Code of Ordinances regarding the adoption of Technical Codes. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Tracy McDaniel made the motion to appoint the Local Accommodations Tax Advisory Committee as listed with the change of deleting Gary Blanton/The Jamison Inn and appointing Amanda Walker/Pine Haven Campground LLC, others are: David Stepp, Daddy Joe's BBQ; Janet Tsiknias, Aegean Pizza; Jim Cook, Cherokee Co. Development Board; Cline Gore, White Columns Funeral Home; Brooks Allison, Cherokee Co. Veterans Museum; and Lisa Butler, Iron City Campground. Mike Fowlkes seconded and council voted in favor.

Councilman Quay Little made the motion to take into the County Road System a new subdivision road named Field Crest Lane. David Smith seconded and council voted in favor. It is a single road that leads to a cul-de-sac; there are 57 lots in this subdivision; and it is off Green River Road past Northwest Elementary.

Administrator Steve Bratton briefed council on the effects of Ian here in Cherokee County. It went east of us and we had minor damage with a few trees down.

Administrator Steve Bratton reported to council that at the next council meeting of 10/17/22, he would make recommendations on spending some of the American Rescue Plan monies. We received a little over \$11 million and we allocated some of that toward employee bonuses; we used a little for our capital budget this year; and set aside \$1.75 million toward broadband. The list we will bring to you is rather extensive and one item we will be recommending is that council allocate a one-time allocation of \$50,000 to each VFD. We will ask them to submit a list of what they intend to spend this on and we hope to be able to buy in bulk to save money. They will also have to follow the county's procurement policy through our Accounts Payable/Purchasing Dept.

Asst. Admin. Merv Bishop had no report.

Attorney Joe Mathis had no report.

Councilman Elliott Hughes appointed Michael Rector to serve a term on the Goucher/White Plains Fire District Board. Quay Little seconded and council voted in favor.

As there was no other business to come before council at this time, Chairman Spencer adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

APPROVED: _____

BY ITS CHAIRMAN:

Respectfully submitted,

Doris F. Pearson, Master Clerk to Council