

Cherry Valley City Council Meeting  
Cherry Valley City Hall  
166 Highway 1B  
Cherry Valley, AR 72324  
September 10, 2024, at 6:00 pm

Roll Call

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| Mayor Earnest Meredith         | Present |
| Council Member Thomas Wilson   | Present |
| Council Member James DeWitt    | Present |
| Council Member Ricky Lace      | Present |
| Council Member Dennis Stephens | Present |

**Others Present:**

Recorder Treasurer Stacey Bennett  
Police Chief Jamie Walls

**Visitors:**

The meeting was opened with prayer by Council Member James DeWitt.

Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes**

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to approve the August 13, 2024, city council minutes as presented; Council Member Wilson seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Financials**

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the August 2024 financials; Council Member DeWitt seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

**Street**

Speed limit and Kids at Play signs have been placed on Walnut Street. Residents requested streetlights to be placed on Thunderbird Lane. Recorder-Treasurer Bennett will reach out to Entergy to get the process for new streetlights to be installed.

## **Zoning**

Further discussion by the council regarding the 3-phase proposal by James Lee from the previous meeting. Mr. Lee's proposal:

- Phase 1 – RV Park starting with 6 spots. Each spot will have electricity and water on a gravel lot.
- Phase 2 – Laundry Mat – 24 x 36 building with shingled roof. Four (4) washers and dryers (1 small, 1 medium and 2 large size) to start off, with the ability for expansion up to 8 each. Cash and vending machine onsite.
- Phase 3 – this phase would be 6 – 12 months out. 80 x 40 concrete slabs for mobile homes.

### Council Requirements:

- a. City License
- b. Contractors' city license
- c. Sales tax number
- d. A complete drawing of all 3 phases together with measurements, to ensure all guidelines and codes are met.
- e. Each RV & Mobile home spot must be 20 feet apart
- f. The owner is responsible for water meter set fees, water deposits, and monthly water bills.
- g. Entergy's requirements for electricity will be the owners' expense and the monthly bill to be worked out between owner and occupants on how it is paid.
- h. Provide approval from Arkansas Department of Health.
- i. If the council chooses to make this permanent the zoning map would be required to be changed.

## **Food Trucks**

Chief Walls and Mayor Meredith visited the site for the food trucks to map out the area for the food trucks. The water department will install the water hook ups for the food trucks. The council discussed the fees for the food trucks and the requirements needed from city hall. Recorder-Treasurer Bennett will contact sanitation to see the cost of trash cans for the food truck area. The council also requested to see if they could be locked, in case they were tip over to keep trash from going all over the parking area or other properties. Bennett is to contact the city attorney to draw up the agreement between the parties. Once the fees are paid the food truck will be issued a permit.

1. Daily Fee - \$25.00
2. Weekly fee (7days) - \$125.00

3. Monthly Fee (30 days) - \$400.00
4. City License

Council Member DeWitt made a motion to approve the fee schedule and city license for the food trucks; seconded by Council member Stephens. Motion passed unanimously

### **Ball Fields**

Dugouts and storage sheds are complete. The roofs are in the process of being installed and waiting on the shed doors to arrive. The roofs will be royal blue with silver trim. Upon completion of the roofs, benches, shelves with hooks, and batter boxes will be installed. Dugouts will be painted royal blue and silver.

Chief Walls will be gathering quotes on backstops, and netting for approval.

The scoreboards have been shipped and are waiting for arrival.

Irrigation supplies have arrived and will be installed in the next few weeks.

Both fields have been sprayed and fertilized. Grass is growing slowly. The grass may need to mature another season before it is where it is we would like it to be.

Chief Walls will be meeting with a company that specializes in the base's placement, foul poles and to ensure the field is able to drain properly

Chief Walls requested to get quotes on a concession stand building. The concession stand will have bathrooms and storage rooms. Chief Walls wanted to get quotes to keep the project going, if the quotes came in within budget.

The council is expecting the fields to be complete for the Spring 2025 season.

### **City Park Complex Sign**

Cross County High School East student Alex Pierce presented a design for a sign to promote the park. The council loved the idea. The council wants a white background, remove the cherry image, change the letter font and color to the school colors. Mr. Pierce will make the changes and resubmit them to the council for approval.

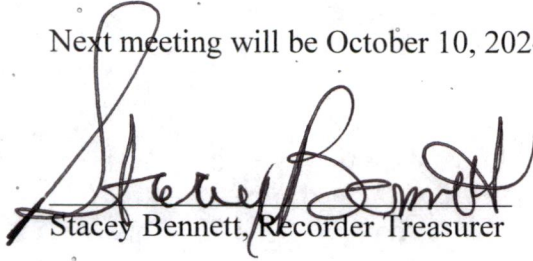
### **Dollar General Market Request**

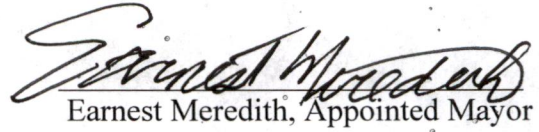
Council member Stephens updated the council on the status of a Dollar General Market. Dollar General Corporation recognizes Cherry Valley as the ideal location for a market location. Cherry Valley has been flagged as a relocation candidates. As of the update Dollar General would not look for a relocation for Cherry Valley until 2028. Council member Stephens requested Mayor Meredith to contact Dollar General Corporation to set up a meeting.

**Adjournment**

Council Member Lace made a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm, Council Member Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting will be October 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

  
Stacey Bennett, Recorder Treasurer

  
Earnest Meredith, Appointed Mayor

Minutes approved on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2024.

