

**City of Crab Orchard
Regular Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2025 5:30pm**

The City of Crab Orchard held its regular monthly meeting on September 9, 2025 at 5:30pm. Mayor Emmett Sherrill, Alderlady Winona Christopher and Alderman Mike Findley were all present. Mayor Sherrill called the meeting to order. The first item on the agenda was the minutes for the month of September. Mayor Sherrill asked the alderman if they had a chance to look over them and they replied that they had. He then asked if they had any questions about the minutes, they said they did not. Alderman Findley made the motion to accept the minutes as written, Alderlady Christopher seconded. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Alderman Findley-aye.

The next item on the agenda was the financial report for the month of September. Mayor Sherrill asked if anyone had any questions regarding the financial report, the Aldermen said they did not. Alderlady Christopher made the motion to accept the financial reports as read. Alderman Findley seconded. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Alderman Findley-aye.

The next item on the agenda was old or new business. Alderlady Christopher stated that she had new business, being a raise in pay for the Mayor position. Alderman Findley excitedly stated that he was going to bring up the same thing. Mayor Sherrill asked if the board would like him to step out, they both stated no. Alderlady Christopher stated that she had called our finance officer yesterday for a copy of Mayor Sherrill's paycheck stub, and that it calculated to \$18,103.80 which is below the poverty level in Tennessee. Alderlady Christopher suggested a 7% raise that would put his paycheck at \$400.00 a week. She also proposed a pay scale for the Mayor position, suggesting that the previous pay rate be what a newly elected Mayor would receive during their first term and be raised per term. Alderman Findley stated that he agreed with everything she proposed except Mayor Sherrill's raise, stating that instead of \$400.00 per week it should be \$500.00 a week. Alderman Findley stated that he was aware that that was higher than a 7% raise but that Emmett had not had a raise in 17 years. He continued, stating that our Mayor should be making more than Jerry and Rocky, our road superintendent and a member of our street crew. Alderlady Christopher made the motion to raise the Mayor's pay to \$500.00 a week beginning Oct 1st, Alderman Findley seconded the motion. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Alderman Findley-aye.

Mayor Sherrill stated that they may hear some complaints about his raise from the community. Alderman Findley stated that Mayor Sherrill had no idea that this was happening tonight, that this was the board's actions, and if anyone had an issue with it Mayor Sherrill could send citizens with complaints to speak to the board. Alderlady Christopher stated that the poverty guideline in Tennessee was \$21,450.00, Alderman Findley added that the agreed upon raise would place his annual salary \$26,000.00. Mayor Sherrill stated to the board that he sincerely appreciated the raise and kind words, then asked if the board would like to discuss a raise for the aldermen positions. They both responded that they did not.

Alderman Findley continued with new business asking if Pat was going to do the ditch work on Bat Town Rd. Mayor Sherrill stated yes and that Keith Brady would be digging the road (24ftx200ft and 3ft deep) and that Keith would be supplying all of the rock. Then Roger's Group

would pave it after it was packed down. Alderman Findley stated that it should not take long to pack. Mayor Sherrill gave the board the quotes: 307BM is 130/ton, and 307CW being 118/ton, totalling \$16,200 for 150ft at 2in deep. Mayor Sherrill added that it would be \$40,000 for both, and that the county would not be any help and they will not answer us. He added that the money is already allotted in our budget up to 110,000 and that we can afford to do it ourselves. Alderman Findley made the motion for the city to do that portion of paving ourselves, Alderlady Christopher seconded. Motion carried, Ayes-2 and Nay-0. Alderlady Christopher-aye, and Alderman Findley-aye. Mayor Sherrill stated that Roger's Group would also be fixing Cox Valley Rd for free per the warranty we were given last time we paved.

Mayor Sherrill moved on to new business regarding the cancellation of our fall celebration, and the band we had hired wanting a cancellation fee of \$500.00, being half of their price. Mayor Sherrill informed the board that we were not aware of this cancellation fee, never signed a contract, and one member of the band told us they did not have a cancellation fee only to later call back and say that the other members informed him that they did have one. Alderman Findley stated that with no contract or knowledge we did not owe them anything. Alderlady Christopher added that they were given 3 days notice and the city did not sign anything, and that she agreed that we should not pay it. She added that in the future anyone we book will need to have a contract signed, whether it be theirs or ours. Mayor Sherrill agreed with the board, and the decision was made to not pay the cancellation fee.

Mayor Sherrill moved on to the next item of new business being the deal recently made with Pat Stone about road work. Mayor Sherrill stated that the city would provide traffic control and read the email correspondence with Pat Stone (see attached). Alderman Findley added that it really needed to be done, that he had heard about 2 flat tires recently because of big rocks in the road. Alderman Findley added that he had also spoken to Todd Kemmer and that he gave his permission to rock his ditch on Haley Grove Rd. Alderlady Christopher asked why some of the rock in the ditches already completed were different colors than we had used on others, and Mayor Sherrill answered that it comes from the lime mine that way. Alderman Findley added that that was called limestone veins and Mayor Sherrill added that it was similar to Crab Orchard Stone.

Mayor Sherrill stated he did not have anything further and asked if he heard a motion to adjourn. Alderlady Christopher made the motion to adjourn, Mayor Sherrill seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:59pm.

Emmett Sherrill, Mayor

Winona Christopher, Alderlady

Mike Findley, Alderman

Cameron Parsons, City Recorder