

**CITY OF CHINA GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2020
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: 2412 FM 1516 S.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mary Ann Hajek, Mayor. Also present for the meeting were members Margie Holisky, Frank Bennett, Gail Beaver and Mayor Protem Larry Keller. None were absent. A quorum was declared. Larry Keller led the invocation. Gail Beaver led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consider and act on the following items:

Minutes: September 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

Gail Beaver read minutes from September 3, 2020. Margie Holisky made a motion to adopt September 3, 2020 minutes. Frank Bennett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Financial Report: Submitted and read by Susan Conaway, City Administrator

Municipal Court: Submitted by Clarissa Szech Court Clerk, and read by Susan Conaway

Police Department: Submitted by Judy Northam. Chief of Police, Ralph Sramek briefed council on the activity for the month. Chief Sramek acknowledged officers making numerous arrests for controlled substance violations and several suspects in possession of stolen credit cards/checks/ID info and mail.

Volunteer Fire Department report was submitted and read by Fire Chief, Mike Winfield.

Chief Winfield reported a total of 21 calls for the month 12 in China Grove 3 in the County area and 6 Mutual Aid calls. Acadian transported 6, 4 from China Grove, 2 for the County. There were 13 EMS Medical Calls: 10 from the City, 3 in the County along with 1 Motor vehicle collisions. There were 4 calls for structure fires (all mutual aid) and 3 activated fire alarms (1 in China Grove, 2 were mutual aid).

Animal Control/Code Compliance: Animal Control Officer, Lee Roy Rosales gave a verbal report for one call for a stray dog that was not located by officers.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

This time is provided for citizens to address City Council on any issues and concerns. No City Council discussion or action can be taken if the item is not on the agenda.

Several citizens voiced the same concern about Amending of the Zoning Ordinance notices sent out. Susan explained the reasoning for the notices, which lead into the Open Public Hearing.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 7:10 p.m.

A public hearing to receive testimony and comments from members of the public on the merits of AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW HAIR AND BEAUTY SALONS, BARBER SHOPS; CHILD DAY CARE FACILITIES; FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS; MEDICAL DOCTOR AND DENTIST OFFICES AND DINING ESTABLISHMENT OPERATIONS AS PERMITTED USES IN CLASS 2 MEDIUM INTENSITY LAND USE DISTRICTS AND TO ALLOW NAIL SALONS, MASSAGE, TANNING, TATTOO AND BODY PIERCING; AND COMMERCIAL TRUCKING-FREIGHT OPERATIONS AND ELIMINATING DINING ESTABLISHMENT OPERATIONS AS CONDITIONAL USES IN CLASS 2 MEDIUM INTENSITY LAND USE DISTRICTS.

Heard comments from the public. This was then openly discussed with present citizens. The general opinion of most of the citizens was that they did not want to consider amending the zoning ordinance when it comes to trucking-freight operations.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

Amending the Zoning Ordinance above will be voted on by Council after 30 days.

CLOSED PUBLIC HEARING at 8:25 p.m.

OPENED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:27 p.m.

As authorized by Texas Government Code § 551.074 Personnel Matters.

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION at 8:35 p.m.

REOPENED MEETING 8:37 p.m.

Mayor stated no action taken during executive session.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Affirmed Leslie Bettice as City Secretary for City of China Grove at 8:37 p.m. Motion made by Frank Bennett, seconded by Larry Keller. All voted in favor.
- B. Affirmed appointment of Russell Gutierrez as Reserve Officer for China Grove Police Department at 8:40 p.m. Motion made by Larry Keller, seconded by Margie Holisky. All voted in favor.
- C. Ordinance 20-1001 AUTHORIZING THE NON-CONSENT IMPOUNDMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES FOUND TO BE OPERATING ON PUBLIC ROADS IN THE CITY BY ANY DRIVER NOT IN POSSESSION OF PROOF OF FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AS REQUIRED BY THE TEXAS TRANSPORTATION CODE CHAPTER 601; PROVIDING FOR SAVINGS, SEVERABILITY AND CONFLICTS CLAUSE AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE of October 1, 2020. Motion made by Frank Bennett, seconded by Margie Holisky. All voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mayor/Council

B. Fire Chief

- a. Chief Winfield announced National Night Out is cancelled due to Covid.
- b. Chief Winfield also confirmed the Burn Ban was in effect per Bexar County and confirmed you must get a permit to burn in China Grove city limits.

C. Chief of Police – Mayor MaryAnn Hajek read a letter from a citizen about noise music. Discussion was made to consider amending decibel level in noise ordinance, which is currently 75 decibels from 6:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m. and 65 decibels from 11:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m.

D. City Administrator – Susan Conaway made statement on Census had 79% self-reporting by the citizens of China Grove. Reminder for all those that have not reported yet, please do so.

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION

Louis and Darlene Castillo, owners of AMT addressed the council providing information about their operation explaining the location not active at this time and he was currently working with the building owner to get required permits.

Any qualifying residents who are interested in serving on the city council are encouraged to contact City Hall at 210-837-3703/210-648-4923.

ADJOURN

Larry Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gail Beaver seconded. All voted in favor. Meeting ended at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor