

**CITY OF CHINA GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: September 3, 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. Gail Beaver led the pledge of allegiance, Frank Bennett led the invocation.

Consider and act on the following items:

Minutes August 3, 2020 Regular Meeting

Larry Keller made a motion to adopt the minutes correcting the date to August 6, 2020 not August 3, 2020. Frank Bennett seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Minutes August 18, 2020 Special Meeting

Frank Bennett made a motion to adopt the minutes of August 18, 2020. Larry Keller seconded. All voted in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

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

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

Police Department: Submitted by Judy Northam. Chief of Police, Ralph Sramek briefed council on the activity. He also reported on asset forfeitures pending and uses for those funds.

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

Chief Winfield reported a total of 20 calls for the month 13 in China Grove 4 in the County area and 3 Mutual Aid calls. Acadian transported 8, 5 from China Grove, 3 for the County. There were 13 EMS Medical Calls: 10 from the City, 3 in the County along with 3 Motor vehicle collisions. Also 0 structure fires, 1 grass/brush fire, 1 unauthorized burn, 2 activated fire alarms and 0 Assist the public calls.

Animal Control/Code Compliance: Animal Control Officer, Lee Roy Rosales. No report submitted

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

Kevin Skorupa with Crisp Realty addressed the council representing a buyer for property located at 7448 Hwy 87 at Lane Dr. He discussed possible uses for the property starting with 2 trucks eventually adding more, also storing of trailers and possibly a residence at some time in the future. He was advised a conditional use permit may be obtained in accordance with the conditional use application and process.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 7:17pm

A. A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON ADOPTION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ORDINANCE #20-0903-2 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; Appropriating Money For The Various Funds And Purposes Of Such Budget Including Appropriations Of Money To Pay Interest And Principal Sinking Fund Requirements On All Indebtedness; Providing A Savings And Severability Clause; Repealing All Ordinances And Appropriations In Conflict With The Provisions Of This Ordinance; And Establishing An Effective Date

a. Hear Public Comments

No one came forward to offer comments

B. A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON PROPOSING A TAX INCREASE FOR TAX YEAR 2020

PROPOSED TAX RATE	\$.195434 PER \$100
NO-NEW-REVENUE TAX RATE	\$.187713 PER \$100
VOTER-APPROVAL TAX RATE	\$.195345 PER \$100

ADOPTING PROPOSED TAX RATE ORDINANCE #20-0903-3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS ADOPTING A TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; Apportioning Said Levy Among The Various Funds And Items FOR Which Revenue Must Be Raised Including Providing Monies To Pay Principal And Interest On Certificates Of Obligation; Providing When Taxes Shall Become Due And When Same Shall Become Delinquent And Establishing An Effective Date.

a. Hear public comments

No one came forward to offer comments

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 7:18pm

DISCUSSION/ACTION

A. Consider action on Ordinance #20-0903-1 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE REFLECTED IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 BUDGET.

Gail Beaver made a motion to approve Ord 20-0903-1 ratifying the property tax increase reflected in the Budget for FY 20-21. Frank Bennett seconded the motion.

Members voted as follows:

Larry Keller	<u>For</u>
Margie Holisky	<u>For</u>
Gail Beaver	<u>For</u>
Frank Bennett	<u>For</u>

None voted against, None abstained. Motion carried

B. Consider action on Ordinance #20-0903-2 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPROPRIATING MONEY FOR THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND PURPOSES OF SUCH BUDGET INCLUDING APPROPRIATIONS OF MONEY TO PAY INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL SINKING FUND REQUIREMENTS ON ALL INDEBTEDNESS; PROVIDING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND APPROPRIATIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

Larry Keller made a motion to adopt Ord 20-0903-2 approving and adopting BUDGET FOR FY 20-21. Frank Bennett seconded the motion.

Council voted as follows:

Larry Keller	<u>For</u>
Margie Holisky	<u>For</u>
Gail Beaver	<u>For</u>
Frank Bennett	<u>For</u>

None voted against, None abstained. Motion carried

C. Consider action on ORDINANCE #20-0903-3 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS ADOPTING A TAX RATE AND LEVYING A TAX UPON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION WITHIN THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE, TEXAS FOR THE 2020-2021 FISCAL YEAR, FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2020 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2021; APPORTIONING SAID

LEVY AMONG THE VARIOUS FUNDS AND ITEMS FOR WHICH REVENUE MUST BE RAISED INCLUDING PROVIDING MONIES TO PAY PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON CERTIFICATES OF OBLIGATION; PROVIDING WHEN TAXES SHALL BECOME DUE AND WHEN SAME SHALL BECOME DELINQUENT AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Gail Beaver made a motion to approve Ordinance 20-0903-3 adopting a TAX RATE FOR 2020

Margie Holisky seconded the motion. Council voted as follows:

Larry Keller For

Margie Holisky For

Gail Beaver For

Frank Bennett For

None voted against, None abstained. Motion carried

D. Consider action on -REPLAT of property located at North corner of Tierra Bonita and FM 1516 S combining 0.587 acre and 0.969 acre for a total of 1.556 acres establishing Lot 8 CB 5126 "Gunnerkali Resort" PLAT No.CG-2020-1001 owner Gregory L. Myers 7307 Tierra Bonita

a. Approve

b. Approve with conditions or

c. Disapprove with written explanation

Frank Bennett made a motion to approve Plat No. CG-2020-1001 (Gunnerkali Resort) Replating property at corner of Fm 1516 and Tierra Bonita authorizing Mayor to sign mylar upon receipt.

Gail Beaver seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor/Council

- Reminded everyone the importance of filing their Census report adding currently only 75% of China Grove residents have filed.
- Any qualifying residents who are interested in serving on the council are encouraged to contact City Hall at 210-837-3703/210-648-4923.

ADJOURN

Larry Keller made a motion to pay bills and adjourn. Motion was seconded by Frank Bennett.

All voted in favor.

Mayor