

**CITY OF CHINA GROVE
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**DATE: April 13, 2023
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: 2412 FM 1516 S.**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor, Mary Ann Hajek. Present for the meeting in addition to the Mayor was Mayor Pro-tem, Larry Keller, council members David Windhorst, Margie Holisky and Frank Bennett. Gail Beaver was absent. A quorum was declared.

The Invocation was led by David Windhorst

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Margie Holisky

Minutes:

Motion was made by David Windhorst to approve the minutes of March 2, 2023 Regular Meeting. Larry Keller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

- Financial: City Administrator/City Secretary submitted then read the report noting that of every withdrawal and deposit was attached to the report
- Municipal Court: Court Clerk was read by City Secretary
- Police Department: Chief Ralph Sramek briefed council on activity for the month.

Lt Amadin elaborated on apprehension of stolen vehicles and robbery at 7:Eleven. He also reported on CQPD assistance to the EAST CENTRAL Explorer program, assisting with training and support of the students participating in the program.

Lt. Amadin assisted by Officer Daniel Vickers, displayed items for use by the department in the line of duty such as shields, rifles gas/pepper spray that were donated to the CQPD. He added that the department is exploring the possibility of entering a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Agreement with other police agencies. For example, use of Elmendorf PD canine when needed. Other agencies include St Hedwig PD and Santa Clara PD/Marshall

- China Grove Fire & Rescue: Fire Chief Winfield was not present but submitted a written report
- Animal Control/Code Compliance: Lt. Amadin also reported on Code compliance Calls and Animal control issues for the month.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 7:38 pm

A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE TESTIMONY AND COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON the merits of a Variable POD Placement Permit for the property located at 7623 Triple Acres Drive, China Grove, TX 78263, to allow placement of a Portable Storage Container in excess of 30 days.

- Hear public comments.
- Kenney Piper, Resident of 7623 Triple Acres Drive spoke to offer details of his request and why he desires to have the placement in excess of 30 days.
- No other public comments were heard

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 7:44 pm

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. **Please limit your remarks to three (3) minutes and state your name and address for the record.**

- Fred Bean presented & then recited his written statement of his opinion of council members and city processes.

DISCUSSION / ACTION

A. Discussion and possible action to grant variance for POD Placement Permit for the property located at 7623 Triple Acres Drive, China Grove, TX 78263, to allow placement of a Portable Storage Container in excess of 30 days.

Frank Bennett made the motion to approve the extension to no more than 1 year and this approval will not go with the land should Mr. Piper move or vacate the property. David Windhorst seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

B. Consider action on affirm hiring of Miguel Quiroz, Jr as paid peace officer China Grove PD Miguel Quiroz, Jr was introduced to the council and offered a brief description of his experience and employment history,

A motion was made by David Windhorst to affirm Miguel Quiroz, Jr as a NON PAID RESERVE OFFICER for the China Grove Police Department. Margie Holisky seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

C. Consider action on Public Utility Commission Consumer Price Index (CPI) fees adjustment 2023 increase/or not? Due April 30

After some discussion, David Windhorst made a motion to leave the current 2022 fees in place with no increase for 2023. Frank Bennett seconded the motion. All voted in favor

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF-COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS

- A.** Mayor/**Council member** reported seeing the old City Sign located at a residential property questioning the location of the sign and why it is not in possession of the City. Several possibilities were offered but no certain answer as to how the sign came to be off of city property.
- B.** Chief of Police – None
- C.** Fire Chief- None
- D.** City Secretary/Administrator announced that residents can vote in the City Officer's General Election at city hall on Election Day May 6, 2023

ADJOURN

David Windhorst made the motion to adjourn. Margie Holisky seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mary Ann Hajek

Mayor