

**REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

DATE: September 19, 2024
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: 2412 FM. 1516 S.



City of China Grove

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor, Mary Ann Hajek. Members Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem, David Johnson, Fred Bean, Larry Keller, Mark Dubay, and Eddy Perez.

Minutes:

Consider and act on approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held: **August 15, 2024 & September 4th, 2024-Special Meeting**. Mark Dubay motioned to approve August 15, 2024 minutes; David Johnson seconded. All voted in favor. Fred Bean Motioned to table September 4th, 2024-Special meeting minutes until next upcoming meeting on October 3rd, 2024 to include exact motion verbiage provided by city attorney. David Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor of tabled motion.

STAFF REPORTS

Consider and possible action on:

- **Financial Report & Municipal Court:** Melinda Saucedo provided an update briefing on city finances, municipal court, bid petition, permits, street project bids and a quote for a new building air condition due to unit no longer working.
- **Police Department:** Chief Ralph Sramek
 - Chief Ralph Sramek gave a briefing on audit for forfeitures.
- **China Grove Fire & Rescue:** Fire Chief Winfield (absent)
 - Melinda Saucedo reported a total of 25 calls for the month.
- **Animal Control/Code Compliance:** Justin Torres
 - Code compliance is being monitored.

CITIZENS TO BE HEARD

This time is provided for citizens to address the 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.**

- Live stream discussion, thoughts about tabling motions and a statement of wanting the city to be better was provided by a citizen.

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:29pm

- A. **Public Hearing to hear public comments on the Budget Proposed for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 FOR OPERATING THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE**

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 7:30pm

DISCUSSION / ACTION

- A. **Consider action on ORDINANCE NO. 24-0919-2 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, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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**

DAVID JOHNSON made a motion to approve ORDINANCE NO. 24-0919-2 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, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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 seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- B. **Consider action on ORDINANCE 24-0919-1 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 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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**

MARK DUBAY made a motion to approve ORDINANCE 24-0919-1 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 2024-2025 FISCAL YEAR FOR THE USE AND SUPPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF CHINA GROVE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING OCTOBER 1, 2024 AND ENDING ON SEPTEMBER 30, 2025; 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. FRED BEAN seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

C. Discuss and consider action on Proposed public works policy for the City of China Grove.

DAVID JOHNSON motioned to approve Proposed public works policy for the City of China Grove. MARK DUBAY seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

D. Consider action to affirm the hiring of Abdiel Israel Munoz for position of Reserve Peace Officer for City of China Grove.

LARRY KELLER motioned to affirm the hiring of Abdiel Israel Munoz for position of Reserve Peace Officer for City of China Grove. MARK DUBAY seconded the motion.
4 yes/ 1 no

E. Discuss and consider action to have a committed scheduled special meeting/workshop one week prior to every regular council meeting.

No Action taken, Dead agenda Item.

F. Discuss and consider action to set up message board communication thru phpbb.com for city council and city staff usage.

DAVID JOHNSON motioned to set up message board communication thru phpbb.com for city council and city staff usage. FRED BEAN seconded the motion.
4 yes/ 1 no.

G. Discuss and consider action to live stream city council meetings.

DAVID JOHNSON motioned to live stream city council meetings if the cost was under one thousand dollars. MARK DUBAY seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF-COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS

- A.** Mayor/Council-
- B.** Chief of Police-
- C.** Fire Chief-
- D.** City Secretary/Administrator-

ADJOURN

Larry Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eddy Perez seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mary Ann Hajek

Mayor