

**CITY OF CHINA GROVE
REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

**DATE: October 5th, 2023
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
PLACE: 2412 FM 1516 S**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Mayor, Mary Ann Hajek. Members Present at the meeting were Mayor Pro-Tem, Larry Keller, David Windhorst, David Johnson. Mark Dubay and Gail Beaver were absent.

Minutes:

Consider and act on approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting held: **September 7, 2023**. David Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Keller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Consider and possible action on:

- **Financial Report & Municipal Court:** City Secretary
 - *Financial Report and Municipal Court report were read by Melinda Saucedo, there was a discussion on the Summary of delinquent tax collection provided by Linebarger, Atty.*
- **Police Department:** Chief Ralph Sramek
 - *Chief Ralph Sramek gave a brief description of activity for the month. Sgt. Daniel Vickers gave a brief description of recent activity within the CGPD and how mandated training plays an important role in keeping police departments alert and aware. Sgt. Daniel Vickers proposed a training facility called Secure America Now that could assist CGPD in keeping their training up to date.*
- **China Grove Fire & Rescue:** Fire Chief Winfield
 - reported a total of 23 calls for the month. 13 for the city, 7 for the county and 3 mutual aid. The total number of EMS calls were 13, Acadian transported 7 from the city and 3 from county area and there was 1 motor vehicle accident. Chief Winfield stated a burn ban is still in effect considering the dry conditions.
- **Animal Control/Code Compliance:** Justin Torres
 - Justin Torres was absent.

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.**

- Reynaldo Benitez – expressed his appreciation of the recent street paving on Mac Dr.
- Barabara Bean – expressed her appreciation of the fire dept and Pd when describing a past situation during an emergency.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A. Consider action to designate the Wilson County News as the official newspaper for publication by City of China Grove.**

David Johnson made a motion to designate the Wilson County News as the official newspaper for publication. Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Keller seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- B. Consider action to affirm hiring Morgan Lucas as a paid officer for China Grove Police Department. (In December council approved the hiring of 2 additional officers, this is the second of the two)**

David Windhorst made a motion on the hiring of Morgan Lucas as a paid officer for China Grove Police Department. David Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

- C. Discussion and possible action to have Right of Way (ROW) on Lane Dr. to be cleared of overhanging trees and maintenance of road.**

(Lane drive is not a city owned street however the properties on Lane Drive are within the city limits of Chine Grove and pay property taxes to the city).

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Keller motioned to deny the ROW on Lane Dr. to be cleared of overhanging trees based on discussion with attorney advising public funds cannot be used. Right of Way landowners must give their consent to get onto their property. David Windhorst seconded the motion. All voted.

- D. Discuss the next group of streets to be considered for the 2024 Street Project. Including engineering and materials**

Discussion on the next group of streets will be further discussed in November's council meeting. There was discussion on once a project is approved, the project stays funded until fully completed despite the length of time frame for completion. The end of October is the projected time frame to have a better understanding of which possible streets will be the next project. David Windhorst stated he would like to recommend a new engineer for future street projects.

- E. Discuss and consider action to add cell phones for the CGPD.**

(The separation of personal and professional data can offer the prevention of Liability and is a safety precaution).

David Windhorst made a motion to add 7 new cell phones to the CGPD. Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Keller 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

Mayor Pro-Tem Larry Keller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David Windhorst seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mary A. Hajek
