

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor, Mary Ann Hajek. Members present for the meeting were Larry Keller, Mayor Pro-Tem, David Windhorst, Mark Dubay and David Johnson. Gail Beaver was absent.

MINUTES

- **Consider and act on** approval of the minutes of the City Council meeting/s held: **July 6, 2023-Regular Meeting.** Larry Keller made a motion to approve the minutes. David Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

STAFF REPORTS

Consider and possible action on:

- Financial Report & Municipal Court: City Administrator/City Secretary
 - Financial Report and Municipal court report were read by Susan Conaway
- Police Department: Chief Ralph Sramek
 - *Chief Ralph Sramek gave short brief of activity and Lt. Osaretin Amadin provided video presentation of some activity in and around China Grove are.*
- China Grove Fire & Rescue: Fire Chief Winfield
 - Chief Winfield reported a total of 19 calls for the month, 9 in the city limits, 7 in the county area & 3 Mutual Aid. The total number of EMS calls were 13 Acadian transported 5 from city and 3 from county area, 1 motor vehicle accident. Chief Winfield reported a probable Burn Ban for the City area considering dry conditions.
- Animal Control/Code Compliance:
 - Justin Torres reported on animal control and code compliance.

PFIA QUARTERLY REPORT 2nd Quarter 2023: Council member & Public Funds Investment Officer, Mark Dubay

Mark Dubay requested additional time to prepare a report to become more familiar with accounts.

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 addressed the council regarding preparation of the Proposed Budget.

DISCUSSION/ACTION

- A.** Discuss and consider action to Re-Appoint Lawrence Morales as China Grove Municipal court Judge for 2-year term.
Larry Keller made a motion to affirm the appointment of Judge Lawrence Morales as Municipal Court Judge for City of China Grove. David Windhorst seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- B.** Discuss and consider action to continue China Grove PD- Motor cycle Unit: Lt. Eseosa Ehanire.
Lt. Ehanire reported on his activity and use of the Motorcycle Unit. David Windhorst made a motion to continue the use of the Motorcycle Unit of the China Grove PD Larry Keller seconded. All voted in favor.

- C.** Discuss and consider action on request to install propane tank at 7721 Triple Acres to heat spa and potentially a gas grill.
After discussion, Mark Dubay made a motion to approve the location and use of propane tank. David Johnson seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- D.** Council member David Johnson to present his vision for the future of the city and the city hall complex.
After the presentation, he stated this is just one idea to start the process of how the city moves forward to provide more space and buildings now and for future growth.
- E.** Consider action on “**Proposed**” Budget FY 2023-2024
After discussion and adjustments of a couple of items the Proposed Budget was approved by motion from Mark Dubay and seconded by David Johnson. All voted in favor.
Following A public hearing on the Proposed Budget, action will be taken to adopt the FY Budget for 2023-2024 at the next regular meeting to be held Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm
- F.** Consider action on “**Proposed**” Tax Rate FY 2023-2024
After discussion, David Johnson made the motion to approve the Proposed Tax Rate for FY 2023-2024 at the No New Revenue Rate of 0.206792. David Windhorst seconded the motion. All voted in favor. The Proposed tax rate will be voted on at the next regular meeting to be held on Thursday, September 7, 2023, at 7:00 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS MAYOR/COUNCIL/STAFF-COMMENTS OR STATEMENTS

- A.** Mayor/Council
Mayor Pro-Tem, Larry Keller addressed the public regarding trusting their elected officials. And the responsibility of an elected official to all the citizens.
- B.** Chief of Police
- C.** Fire Chief
- D.** City Secretary/Administrator
- St. Jerome Church fundraiser information

ADJOURN

Larry Keller made a motion to pay the bills and adjourn the meeting. David Windhorst seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Mary Ann Hajek

Mayor