

FEBUARY 16, 2021

THE CITY OF CHRISMAN MET FOR A REGULAR MEETING MONDAY, FEBUARY 16, 2021 AT 7:02P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT: COMMISSIONER THAD CRISPIN, COMMISSIONER CORY CHANEY, COMMISSIONER BRYAN HADDIX AND MAYOR OWEN. ALSO, PRESENT WAS CITY CLERK AUTUMN PERRYMAN AND CITY TREASURER KAYLEN HOSKINS.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

MINUTES:

TABLE

CLAIMS:

CHANEY MOVED AND CRISPIN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVE THE CLAIM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$61.972.05. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE COMMISSIONERS HADDIX, CHANEY, CRISPIN, AND MAYOR OWEN. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

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| OMEGA RAIL MANAGEMENT | ENGINEERING | WATER | 1250.00-21090 |
| SANDY BRISTO | REFUND | WATER | 53.68-21091 |
| CAMERON JORDAN | REFUND | WATER | 51.25-21092 |
| AUTUMN PERRYMAN | SALARY | ADMIN | 962.80-21093 |
| KAYLEN HOSKINS | SALARY | ADMIN | 1023.12-21094 |
| MICHAEL HUTSON | SALARY | WATER | 980.15-21095 |
| THADDEUS ARROSMITH | SALARY | SEWER | 1156.86-21096 |
| ERIK BOHLE | SALARY | STREET | 1041.17-21097 |
| TOM DOLAN | SALARY | POLICE | 1281.03-21098 |
| STEPHEN HALL | SALARY | POLICE | 109.31-21099 |
| RAYMOND RAGLE | SALARY | POLICE | 154.51-21100 |
| RAYMOND SOLLARS | SALARY | POLICE | 212.87-21101 |
| GAVIN MCCLAMROCH | SALARY | WATER.SEWER.STREET | 828.50-21102 |
| IMRF | RETIREMENT | ADM.WTR.SWR.STR.POLICE | 1828.20-21103 |
| PAULA BETH DAILY | SALARY | LIBRARY | 366.37-21104 |
| CHERYL OATES | SALARY | LIBRARY | 360.85-21105 |
| CHRISMAN FARM CENTER | MAINT AND FREIGHT | WATER.STREET | 871.90-21106 |
| COE EQUIPMENT | MAINT SUPPLIES | SEWER | 421.13-21107 |
| TECH MGMT REV FUND | DISPACH | POLICE | 44.27-21108 |
| DOLLAR GENERAL | OFFICE SUPPLIES | ADMIN | 34.90-21109 |
| DTI OFFICE SOLLUTIONS | COPIER CONTRACT | ADMIN | 53.68-21110 |
| HEALTH ALLIANCE | P/R DEDUCTIONS | SEWER | 360.55-21111 |
| ILLINI FS | FUEL | SWR.STR.WTR.POLICE | 662.48-21112 |
| AMEREN ILLINOIS | GAS/ELECTRIC | LBR.ADM.WTR.STR.SWR.POLICE | 964.47-21113 |
| INGRUM WASTE DISPOSAL INC | DUMPSTER SERVICE | ADM.STR.WTR.SWR | 101.50-21114 |
| KNIGHT INSURANCE | NOTARY BOND | ADMIN | 40.00-21115 |
| LEAF | KYOCERA/ COPIER CONTRACT | ADMIN | 109.22-21116 |
| CHRISMAN NAPA | OPERATING SUPPLIES | STREET.SEWER | 644.95-21117 |
| PDC LABORATORIES | TESTING/CHEMICALS | WATER | 172.10-21118 |

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| SANTANNA ENERGY SERVICE | NATURAL GAS | WATER.ADMIN.LIBRARY | 420.22-21119 |
| SCHULTE SUPPLY | METER PARTS | WATER | 270.00-21120 |
| URBANA & CHAMPAIGN SAN. | SEPT DISCHARGE | SEWER | 317.00-21121 |
| USA BLUEBOOK | MOTOR SERVICE KIT | WATER | 148.28-21122 |
| IDOR | STATE P/R TAXES | ALL | 476.40-9000640/642 |
| IRS | FEDERAL P/R TAXES | ALL | 2167.32-90000641/643 |
| IDOR | STATE P/R TAXES | ALL | 36.22-9000642 |

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CHANEY MOVED AND CRISPIN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2021. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

RESOLUTION OF PROPERTY:

HADDIX MOVED AND CHANEY SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES RESOLUTION OF PROPERTY- PARCEL IV 11-03-26-400-018. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

ELECTRIC CONTRACT:

CHANEY MOVED AND CRISPIN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES 24 MONTH CONTRACT WITH AEP WITH A RATE OF .048020. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

DISCUSSION:

SEWER:

Matt Johnson:

Mayor Owen- We got served for sewer violation; we've been fighting this for years. We've tried this and tried that, many things that aren't working, especially with the trickling filter being down which is causing us more problems and our sand filters that are at least 10 yrs. Beyond use. We're getting backed into a wall, were already under an injunction to get our affluent within compliance. We've tried put in chlorine but nothing is working. Matts got some options for us, we will have to do something quick, we have a letter to answer within 30 day. Matt Johnson- We did a plant study last year. all these plans have already been approved by the USDA. Alternative 1. when we did the phase 1 treatment improvements last year, we added the ability to chlorinate at a high rate. This system was used for disinfection, didn't install is for the sole purpose of removing ammonia. don't things a long-term solution, exceedingly expensive, over 20 years there are a lot better options. Alternative 2-refurbishing of all the equipment installed in the 1970s. Haddix- with using the tech from the 70's will we be able to meet the EPA standard. Matt Johnson- all of these options are alternatives that will meet our requirement, doesn't make sense to consider an alternative that won't work. Alternative 3- doesn't take up as much room. Alternative 4- reuses and combines. All 4 of these alternatives will meet our goals for effluent 6.0 when we decide with one, we will go with, we'll want to look at cost not only to build it but the cost over the next 20 years. Alternative1-is already there, added it as phase 1 1.8 million is the operate cost. Simply the cost of the chemicals. We do not consider that a viable option, it doesn't address any of the other issues with the treatment plant. trick and sand filter. Alternative 2- 4.8 million. Alternative 4 – Which is a conversion. As I've said, let me add not only will

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we have alternatives at the treatments plant but we also included in the USDA improved to Washington street pump stations' new force main from the pump station up to treatment. It would increase the flow carrying capacity of that station such that some of the overflow that sometimes is experienced during wet weather. Election system improvement is the replacement of Washington pump force main and the improvements to the pump station. This plan was reviewed and approved by the USDA, after the holidays we received a letter of conditions. The doc was prepared by the USDA as a report back to the city based on the planning doc that got approved and all the other financial considerations that have been reviewed and made on the city's behalf. And this is a result of their under writing. Over 7 million dollars, offers 2 million in grant money. Other money will come in a loan over 38 years. several ways to defray the cost, adjustments to the bill would go up to 51 dollars a month. just for sewer. This has been a problem for over 10 years, we're under a consent order to get the plant under compliance. the date that was on the consent order was when you have to achieve compliance. just because they haven't charged you the fee, does not mean they have forgiven it, at any time they can sum up all the days we've been out of compliance and send us a bill which could be thousands. Main plant is out of compliance in almost every area. The reason we're out of compliance is the trickling filter, even if we decided today the project won't be up and running for at least 3 years. We can't let it go on without a plan for another 3 years. Mayor Owen-New trickling filter isn't here yet. Matt Johnson- should be here by mid-march, being fabricated as we speak. Should at least get us back to where we were 10 years ago. The biggest factor that going back to the 1970s tech the sand filters need replaces at a pretty regular, and it's very expensive to get it in, and also to get it out. Chaney- do we have real estate at the current site to do options 2,3, 4 and keep the plant running. Matt Johnson- #2 no, 3 and 4 yes. Matt Johnson – all of the improvements we are talking about will be installed on the foot print of the site. Mayor Owen- our decisions we make aren't just for today, it's to make sure Chrisman is taken care of 40 or 50 years down the rd. just like getting the water that took us a while to get done. As you all know I'm against raising rates 100% but sometimes, we have too. If we think about it logically people pay 100 a month for a phone that they don't have to have. This would essentially double people rates? Matt Johnson- right Mayor Owen- For something that's a necessity that we have to have every do. I'm not pushing this off but we have to get something done to get this fixed or we will have to pay a fine and have nothing to show for it. The state has been fairly liberal, but this last report was really bad and we need to do something I don't care what we do as long as we get the sewer plant fixed, we've got to get it fixed, of were going to pay dearly. We've had matt go ahead with the USDA to see if we could even get a grant, to see if it was worth going forward and we got 2 million dollars, that's a real decent grant. Crispin- Now like the water even though were getting 2mil off for grant forgiveness for that project, I didn't know if they'd give grant forgiveness for this one as well. Matt Johnson- Now the EPA does have principal forgiveness, I can say they are pretty well tapped, and projects that were approved that were on intended use of land that did not get money at the end. Mayor Owen- we've got a lot of info to digest, I know we all have a lot of questions for matt, so were not going to vote on it tonight. You've got the info; you can call matt and ask him all the questions you need to ask. but soon we need to make a solid decision, and I mean like next meeting. is that good with you Brian? Haddix-we'll have to see. Mayor Owen- matt have a lot of info to help you with your decision, and I know it cost a lot of money, I'm not badgering you it's just something we have got to do, one of these things we've got to do. Haddix- I recommend option 4. Mayor Owen- #4 takes care of all of our problems, the lift station we're going to pay dearly for it and the main transmission line to the sewer plan which went in in the 70s also. So, with option #4 we take care of our incoming lines on Washington St. The lift station, and the plant. we get rid of the trickling filter, sand filters, but everything else is utilized and no chemicals. Those chemicals are going to eat us alive on some of these. with option #4 what certification does the operator have to be, 3? Matt- Same as it is today, all of the alternatives have the same class of operator

Mayor Owen- So that will give you guys something to ponder, because next meeting we're voting on something. Crispin- will this since we just put in overflow, are we still going to be able to handle it fine? In this money are we getting a new inflow meter effluent meter, everything gets upgraded that needs upgraded? Mayor Owen- basically it's going to be a brand-new plant, were just going to use some of the components we have. Matt Johnson- the rates that we have will

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pay the debt with the USDA, it also sets aside a reserve, you could think of it as money set aside to do necessary repairs and or replacements. That war chest is set up in a way that by the time you get to the end and pay off the loan you have enough money to refurbish possible replace it. On the assumption you keep up with consumer prices Crispin- It's just that this first one is going to hit the hardest. Matt Johnson- The first one is doubling, not it should have been over time, that's the important, no matter how much you raise it, you need to do it over time. Most people get 3 years some even go up to 5 years to get up to that point. Chaney- One of the problems is this town isn't growing its stinking and it's still hard to raise people's rates to that 50 some. Look at the population and elderly folks that are on fixed incomes, that is hard for them to take that kind of a hit. It still gets there and hard for people to do. Crispin- If we choose option #4 does that make everything, we've done up to this point obsolete which I know we needed for the next 3 or 4 years. Matt Johnson- No, all this was put into design for these options. Crispin- If we go on option 4 will we be able to accommodate any changes the EPA will imply if they change limits on anything. Matt Johnson- I'm going to allocate space so if they do ask anything like that, it's not going to be too crazy. I'll have the space and tanks to help polish down if need be. Mayor Owen- in my opinion we have two good alternative #2 and #4. #2 is the new trickling filter and refurbished the sand filter and a few years down the road will have to replace the sand. However, when they were in operation a matter of fact, I think they got plant of the year one year. 2.57 million compared to the 5.8 million thousand. Crispin-I just want to make sure that with this we have to capabilities. Chaney- When I was here 20 yrs. ago, they talked about a lagoon system, what would that cost be. Matt Johnson- There is a provision the anti-backslide. It prevents for going to a lesser class facility. right now, you have a class 3.

Pavilion:

Crispin-They ordered the materials, chose colors, basically the same thing, white roof and barn red siding. I got quotes for concrete and for the extra concrete that needs to be done. I'm going to try and get a couple more, so that when the materials come in, we can get everything scheduled together. Mayor Owen- when are they planning on starting? Crispin- by the end of march materials should be in.

Electric Contract:

Mayor Owen- approval of electric supply. Perryman- Had to be signed and sent back today. Tami said she would go with the 24-month AEP. Mayor Owen-and that is a saving of 1389.29 probably annually. Perryman- We're with homefield now, but they are quite a bit higher.

Covid Policy:

Chaney- The policy that we passed a few months ago, referenced the families first corona response act which expired dec 31,2020. Essentially means the paid leave entitlements of up to 2 weeks of paid sick leave. Perryman- I printed of a document that says that companies aren't required to pay, but they'll be able to get that tax credit if they do. Mayor Owen- So we need to have an updated policy for the next meeting. Chaney- Yea we need to update it, seeing this one ran out we need something to cover us. Mayor Owen- When did that run out? Chaney -I believe march 31st consolidate appropriation act of 2021 valid through march 31st Mayor Owen- Then after that nothing then.

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CHIEF OF POLICE DOLAN:

Nothing

COMMISSIONER CHANEY:

COVID-19 Policy- Chaney- The policy that we passed a few months ago, referenced the families first corona response act which expired dec 31,2020. Essentially means the paid leave entitlements of up to 2 weeks of paid sick leave. Perryman- I printed of a document that says, companies aren't required to pay, but they'll be able to get that tax credit if they do. Mayor Owen- So we need to have an updated policy for the next meeting. Chaney- Yea we need to update it, seeing this one ran out we need something to cover us. Mayor Owen- when did that run out?

COMMISSIONER CRISPIN:

Crispin- I just want to thank all my guys for their hard work with snow removal.

COMMISSIONER HADDIX:

Nothing

COMMISSIONER WOLFE:

Absent

MAYOR OWEN:

Nothing

ADJOURNMENT:

HADDIX MOVED AND CHANEY SECONDED FOR ADJOURNMENT AT 8.02 P.M. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

AUTUMN PERRYMAN, CITY CLERK