

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE CITY OF CHRISMAN MET FOR A REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 5TH, 2024 AT 6:02P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROLL CALL: MAYOR DANNY MOORE, COMMISSIONER MICHAEL JORDAN, COMMISSIONER GERALD HOULT, COMMISSIONER RYAN ALEXANDER, JASON BURGESS. ALSO, PRESENT WAS CITY TREASURE KAYLEN HOSKINS, & CITY CLERK LELA RAMEY.

MINUTES:

COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MOVED AND COMMISSIONER BURGESS SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES MINUTES FROM JANUARY 16TH, 2024. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER BURGESS SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,452.80. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MICHAEL RUSSELL	PAYROLL	PARK	
LELA RAMEY	PAYROLL	ADMIN	1217.70-23618
KAYLEN HOSKINS	PAYROLL	ADMIN	1109.72-23619
CODY LEWIS	PAYROLL	STREET	1221.04-23626
JAMES TODD	PAYROLL	POLICE	
TOM DOLAN	PAYROLL	POLICE	1035.90-23620
ERIC MCCAIN	PAYROLL	POLICE	
TROY EADS	PAYROLL	POLICE	
STEPHEN HALL	PAYROLL	POLICE	329.56-23621
RAY RAGLE	PAYROLL	POLICE	71.28-23622
RAY SOLLARS	PAYROLL	POLICE	661.59-23623
KARA INGRAM	PAYROLL	LIBRARY	519.22-23624
CHERYL OATES	PAYROLL	LIBRARY	518.36-23625
CUSI	SOFTWARE	ADMIN	10590.00-23644
AMEREN	WWTP UPGRADE	SEWER/CONSTR	616.00-23645
CHRISMAN FARM CENTER	OPERATING SUPPLIES	ALL	15.43-23627
TECH MNGMNT REV FND	DISPATCHING	POLICE	88.54-23628
DTI	KYOCERA CONTRACT	ADMIN	111.32-23629
FED EX	SEWER SAMPLES	SEWER	21.50-23630
FEHR GRAHAM	WWTP OPERATOR	SEWER	1445.00-23631
FRONTIER	EMAIL HOSTING	ADMIN	39.06-23632
GULLIFORD	SEPTIC DISCHARGE	SEWER	2320.00-23633

IML	YEARLY DUES	ALL	250.00-23634
AMEREN	GAS/ELECTRIC	ALL	2614.99-23635
INGRUM	DUMPSTER	ALL	73.00-23636
LANKSTER & GORE	UTILITY MAINT	WATER/SEWER	805.00-23637
LEAF	KYOCERA CONTRACT	ADMIN	99.29-23638
LONGVIEW	LOAN PAYMENT	SEWER	6632.24-23639
ONP SIGNS	GOLF CART STICKERS	ADMIN	211.20-23640
POWERNET	FAX LINE SERVICE	ADMIN	36.97-23641
SANTANNA	NAT GAS	STREET/WTR	127.44-23642
TIMS MONKEY WRENCH	VEHICLE MAINT	POLICE	260.0-23643
CITY OF CHRISMAN	PAYROLL REIMB	LIBRARY	1037.58-1795
CHERYL OATES	REIMB	LIBRARY	67.66-1796
KARA INGRUM	REIMB OPERATING SUPPLIES	LIBRARY	6.97-1797
QUALITY LIME	¾" ROCK	MFT	590.22-1284
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	ALL	2060.69-90001171/73/75
IDOR	STATE TAXES	ALL	395.50-90001172/74/76

#### LICENSE:

**BUILDING PERMITS:** COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR 113 S OHIO STREET. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

#### DEMO PERMITS:

**DISCUSSION:** Mayor Richard we will start with you. Richard – I am here to talk about the Truck and Tractor pull that is in September. I just wanted to make sure it was going to be okay to have it at the same place as the old one. The group that had been doing it in the past has decided to not do it anymore. So, Dennis Tingley and I have stepped up to keep it going. I believe there is enough money to pay for the sled and Insurance. I will make sure the City get a binder from the insurance company. Jordan – I'm okay with it. Mayor – Is there any way for that to be switched to Friday night? It just seems like it takes away from up town and the events there. Richard – Problem is that our sled is we had a meeting at an IPA banquet two weeks ago and he came up and asked me if we were still on for the same night. I said as far as I know. He said Well I'm all booked up except that night and people are wanting it. Mayor -Okay just checking. You have our approval.

Mayor – Sherri. Oats – I have a big complaint. I know that the city is shorthanded and all. When it comes to snow removal and such am I allowed to hire someone to remove the snow from the parking spaces and such? Mayor – No, you shouldn't be doing it. Oats – Well I don't understand why the snow plow wasn't put on the truck sooner I didn't have to do it. Jordan – We can't plow until there is three inches of snow on the ground. Oats – Well didn't we have that? Jordan – No, we had less than two it just happened to drift. Oats – So what about the sidewalks? Jordan – again he is one person and he has to get to the streets before sidewalks.

Mayor- Anyone else?

Mayor – Water Bills? Ramey – We have these two that you will have to pass around. This one said she was out of the apartment for two weeks and that nothing is leaking. I have seen Cody out several times and the meter is not spinning so there isn't a leak. The reads are correct. The only other suggestion is to put dye in her toilet and maybe it is slow enough that it isn't showing on the tattle tale. Mayor – What about her neighbors? Burgess – I am assuming she was there this month and it looks like the usage is double there. I would say that she runs the dye in her toilet and we go from there. It doesn't make sense why she would pay a double bill one month and then argue a bill the next month. In my opinion. Ramey – These people had a leak on our side of the meter. She believes that is why the amount has jumped. I explained there is no way it is costing her in any way. I am not sure how many live there but I am guessing 3. They are also on a fixed income. Burgess – significantly higher than the rest of them. Do you guys read this one by hand. Ramey – No this is an automatic reader. Cody says it is always full of water and so another thing we told her was we can verify with Gore and find out if there just aren't clear communications. Burgess – Has he checked the pit after it was fixed. Ramey Nope. Burgess – this one is higher than the rest. So, it stands to raise suspicion. I will just run down and check myself. Ramey – This one ended up with a shut off fee because they were out of town and their mail was being held. Burgess and Alexander – I say credit it back.

Mayor – What is this CUSI? Ramey – We have started the process of getting all of our data. They have different phases phase 1, phase 2, and a parallel stage. The goal is to be in the parallel stage by April so we are not renewing our contract with LOCiS. Now with Kaylen's part of things we thought was included however, we learned that someone will have to come and install/set up Quick books on her computer which will be another cost. Burgess, do we have somebody that we use for tech? Ramey – yeah. I was going to ask him first but that is not my department to meddle in so if she wants to handle it than she can.

Mayor – Relocation of the water boy. Burgess – So what he sent me was our options of setting up the pay part of it and then the different coupler styles that we would need. Pretty much pick out what we are wanting and send it back to him. He will get an official quote with the options that we picked. There are several different coin options we can do about anything cash, coin, card, all of the options. Alexander – at the least I would do coin and cash. Burgess – I'm not totally certain that we want the card option. It is an option though if we so choose. If we are breaking even down there it's a miracle! Benefits of moving it would be we wouldn't have to heat and cool that building better maintenance. Mayor – insurance on that building. Burgess – That is where we are at, we need to read through this information and decide. Hoult – would that be at the tower or where would it go? Burgess – That is a good question I was thinking about that earlier today. The way I understand it is we would use that existing building there. Hoult – You would have to have room there for a circle drive. Burgess – there are some things that I still need to work out.

Mayor – Meters? Ramey- We should be looking to buy more meters before the end of the year. That way we get them at a cheaper price. We need about 100 more in order to replace all the 18 & 19 meters that do not transmit well. Burgess – Have you gotten any quotes? Ramey – No not yet. Mayor – How many do we have on hand? Ramey – Colton has been going through them pretty fast. So, I would say not very many. Mayor – So you will check on prices then? Ramey -Yeah, I didn't even know if it was even possible with other things that are coming out of the water funds. Mayor – Yeah, it might not. Ramey – do you want a quote anyway. Burgess – It doesn't hurt to ask.

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**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Jordan – Mr. Russell came to me asked if he was still on for mowing the parks and everything. I told him yes unless someone has a problem with it. With that being said I would like to remind everyone we just got a new mower last year and Massy is running a special on tune up so he asked about getting this one up there for the new year. I approved it. Also, Cody brought up the one from the sewer plant I told him to go ahead and have them do it too. Hoult – that makes sense. Jordan – The salt I think we have 5 ton left and I priced salt with Cargill to bring in a truck load and it is about 25 ton priced at \$3000 and they deliver it. Hoult – is there sand to mix with it? Jordan – We have one load out there I will have to get some more.

Burgess – The only thing I have is how to change the shut-off dates when it lands on a Friday. I don't know the process and I don't think it happens often. Mayor – It's not very often I think 2 times a year. Burgess – what I would like to do is move the shut off to the following Monday. That way there is only one night that people are out of water and the city employees are working in order to verify payment and turn them on. People were calling me and I have no way of knowing.

Mayor – I did have something for you Steve when are we going to start the ordinances on the abandoned vehicles? Steve – what do you mean I know that Chief Dolan has been in contact with the lawyer on this. The attorney said not to tow the abandoned vehicles until it is ordered by the court. As far as the ones that are not register, we can still sight them. Under that ordinance as far as any vehicle not been properly registered. But as far as going on someone's property to tow those vehicles he is going to look into it more. So, he told us to hold off on that. This way we won't violate someone's constitutional rights. Mayor – So what is he going to do about it? Hall – He is going to look at other case laws to determine how the court has ruled on it. Mayor – We are getting people from other towns just bringing them in and dropping them off. Steve – yeah, I know. Mayor – We are looking pretty tacky. Do you have any idea on doing the inspections on the golf carts? Hall – I do know that officer Sollors has done quite a few of them. Mayor DO you know the way the inspections go are they on week days or weekends? Hall – I do know the ordinance states that in order for the city to accept a golf cart sticker they have to be inspected by the Chief or a designated person or persons. We usually do that as soon as the request is given to us.

**REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR:** I would like to thank the community club and the Legion for putting the new benches up at then monument up town. They look very nice. We did have a problem here with the paint here with the eps building. We hired a guy to power wash it and paint it. He was told there was lead paint in it. We tested it first and there was no lead. Then we tested it again and there was lead. I told him that the lead had to be secured and he avoided that. Someone has called the EPA on us and we have to get this cleaned up. There are chips here and there but it is going to cost us \$30,000 just for clean up so that is really going to put us under. The man doesn't want to return phone calls or emails. I did finally contact him last night and he says he didn't do anything wrong. I said you did because you are a professional and you have got to contain lead chips. So, that is where we stand with the EPA, we have a letter on file were this has to be done. Hoult- I wonder if there are any other sources of clean up to see if that \$30,000 is a fair number. Mayor – I looked on the internet for that and this guy is from Decatur that is mainly what they do. He has worked with the EPA before. What I would like to find is this guy from South Carolina I do know. He is a shyster I am sorry to say that. He has done

work around here before. He has done Coles County fairground buildings. I am hoping we can get our money back by suing him. I would like him to pay for the damages. Hoult – It will be a long process. Jordan – Now we have silver paint on the windows the awning the police garage the girls' cars. Burgess – Is this something that they have to do or is this we can clean it up and they test the soil afterward? Mayor – It has to be done by a professional environmentalism. Burgess – So they get you coming and going. Hoult – Yep Mayor they are talking about scraping the chips and then vacuuming them up. I am sure there are other buildings in town or in the country that are lead based paint, but here we are. Burgess – When do we have to make a decision on this? Mayor – I had a week to respond to it. And this guy here responded to the EPA. So, I think we have 45 days to get it cleaned up. Do you remember how many days that was? Hoult – I think that is what it said. Mayor – So do you want other quotes from another agency or... Alexander – in his quote did he say how long it would take to clean it up? Mayor – I think it would be 2 or 3 days or it might be one. Hoult – I think we have to be functionally doing that within 45 days. I don't think it's a completion date. Mayor – yeah to get started. So, we are good for now. Alexander – I think we defiantly look around. Burgess – I wonder if Bodin would do it. Mayor – I will call around and see what I can find then.

That is all I had does anyone else have questions or need to say something.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

COMMISSIONER HOULT MOVED AND COMMISIONER JORDAN SECONDED FOR ADJOURNMENT AT 6:40 PM.

VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

LELA RAMEY, CITY CLERK