

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE CITY OF CHRISMAN MET FOR A REGULAR MEETING, MARCH 18TH, 2024 AT 6:05 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MINUTES:

COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES MINUTES FROM MARCH 4TH, 2024. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONER BURGESS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER JORDAN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$76,903.26. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

MICHAEL RUSSELL	PAYROLL	PARK	
LELA RAMEY	PAYROLL	ADMIN	1146.63-23734
KAYLEN HOSKINS	PAYROLL	ADMIN	1123.11-23735
CODY LEWIS	PAYROLL	STREET	1099.14-23736
RYAN BYERLEY	PAYROLL	WATER	1202.62-23737
JAMES TODD	PAYROLL	POLICE	284.81-23738
TOM DOLAN	PAYROLL	POLICE	1035.89-23739
ERIC MCCAIN	PAYROLL	POLICE	
TROY EADS	PAYROLL	POLICE	
STEPHEN HALL	PAYROLL	POLICE	437.93-23740
RAY RAGLE	PAYROLL	POLICE	
RAY SOLLARS	PAYROLL	POLICE	696.66-23741
KARA INGRAM	PAYROLL	LIBRARY	494.46-23742
CHERYL OATES	PAYROLL	LIBRARY	478.12-23743
CHRISMAN PUBLIC LIBRARY	18.5 PPRT	ADMIN	304.23-23714
CINTAS	UNIFORMS	STR/WTR/SWR	175.00-23715
CITY OF PARIS	WATER USAGE	WATER	11815.69-23716
DOLLAR GENERAL	OP/OFF SUPPLIES	ADMIN/POLICE	41.65-23717
FEHR GRAHAM	WWTP OPERATOR	SEWER	2588.59-23718
GULLIFORD	SEPTIC DISCHARGE	SEWER	1160.00-23719
HEALTH ALLIANCE	INSURANCE	ALL	8221.10-23720
ILLINI FS	FUEL	POL/STR/PRK/WT/SW	1707.02-23721

AMEREN	GAS/ELECTRIC	ALL	1859.12-23722
IL PUBLIC RISK FUND	WORK COMP	ALL	109.00-23723
INGRUM DISPOSAL	DUMPSTER	ALL	73.00-23724
LANKSTER & GORE	UTILITY MAINT	WATER	195.00-23725
MOTOROLA	MAINT EQUIP	POLICE	293.00-23726
MUELLER	UTILITY MAINT	WATER/SEWER	1193.64-23727
HOSPITAL & MED FOUND OF PARIS DRUG SCREEN		SEW/WTR	37.00-23728
POSTMASTER	PRESORT 1 ST CLASS	SEW/WTR	1000.00-23729
SANTANNA	NATURAL GAS	AD/WTR/STRT	233.86-23730
TIM BAUGH	TREE REMOVAL	STREET	900.00-23731
VERIZON WIRELESS	PHONE/INTERNET	ALL	221.36-23732
WATER SOLUTIONS UNLIMITED	CHEMICALS/DELIVERY	WATER	1005.00-23733
ADVANCED DIGITAL	COPIER CONTRACT	LIBRARY	80.70-1805
ELAN	BOOKS	LIBRARY	183.55-1806
CITY OF CHRISMAN	PAYROLL REIMB	LIBRARY	999.67-1807
COAST TO COAST	OPERATING SUPPLIES	LIBRARY	111.96-1808
COMCAST	PHONE/INTERNET	LIBRARY	200.70-1809
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	ALL	2391.76-90001189/91
IDOR	STATE TAXES	ALL	474.85-90001190/92

LICENSE:

BUILDING PERMITS: COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER MOVED AND COMMISSIONER JORDAN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR 222 W MONOE AVE. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE BUILDING PERMIT FOR 430 E LINCOLN AVE. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

DEMO PERMITS:

DISCUSSION: Mayor – Bryan do you have something? Haddix – Yes, I have had a leak for some time now. About three months ago someone came out and said it was on the City’s side and would not affect my house. But I would like to know why we are letting tax payers’ money leak into the ground and not fix it? Burgess – I just found out about it and we are going to fix it. Haddix – Another thing is why we have not started Phase II yet? Hoskins – We have not heard from Fehr Graham on that yet. I know that there needed to be upgraded electrical and gas lines. So, we are waiting on that to be done. Haddix – When I was on council, we wrote an ordinance to acuminate the force main. It was written as a 5-year plan to slowly increase the rates and dragging your feet is going to cost the tax payers. That ordinance will have to be amended to more like 7-years. It was a 7-million-dollar project at the time but with talking to the engineers it is going to be more like 12. Mayor – A lot of that is due to covid too.

Mayor – Eric & Anita? Mrs. Marvin – I do have something. 1) Is there going to be anything done about the vandalism in the park? Dolan – We don't have a suspect that we can passively id, therefore we are increasing our patrol, and noting when things have happened. Mayor – We had an eye witness that id the kids who did it. Dolan – It was not credible. Mayor – Everything we have here is being swept under the rug. Dolan – No it isn't. We have been very serious about this. We believe it was an individual but we can't prove it. 2) Mrs. Marvin - What has happened with Neighborhood Watch? Dolan – It takes a lot of commitment from quiet a few people. The problem we have is that people are calling us later, or not calling 911. Trying to get ahold of my personal phone number. Mrs. Marvin – There is a lot of single women that live in our area and with that attempted break in. When I saw what was happening should I have called 911. Dolan – Absolutely. Mrs. Marvin – I feel like with neighborhood watch wouldn't there be a prosses we would have to go to? Dolan – My issue with neighborhood watch is if they are not there then who do you call? So, Chrisman would be divided into 4 prusiks and that person has to be on, if they aren't there then who do they call? Minutes count and if we are going through a phone tree then the suspicious person is going to be gone by the time we get there. Where as 911 dispatch knows all these things who is on duty where they are all of it. Hollingsworth/Watters It is all from the covid era. They are in Chrisman unsupervised and with nothing to do. Of course, they are going to make their own fun. Teresa Jordan – We need to increase the number people. Your ideas are great but we are doing great just to staff the schools and the city. Watters – Yes, everyone has the choice to be positive or negative and now days people choose to be negative. Why not choose to be positive instead. A smile really does change the mood of not only you but those around you.

Mayor – Teresa did you have anything else? Jordan – Yes. I have some research on golf cart seat belts that I want to share Dolan could you correct me if I am wrong. Dolan – Well our attorney would have to go over things and get back to us. Jordan – continues bulling Dolan. Mayor – We will be deciding on this after our attorney takes a look at it and gets back with us.

Mayor – Chantell? Henson – I have been contacted by a few residents of Chrisman about the increase in our water bill and really it isn't the minimum we understand that. It is mostly from the previous months that we had. I kind of feel like we were left in the dark and that we could have had gotten a notice about the increase. Not everyone gets the papers or are able to access the internet easily. I have gotten on the City's website even and it has not been updated for 2 years. I feel like there could be a letter sent out every January that tells people that it is increasing from the 44 dollars to the 46 dollars or whatever the increase may be that year. Hoskins – I am pretty sure that ordinance was adopted in 2018 when they started the sewer project. That was long before our time and it was posted you just can't access it on the website until our tech is done updating the website. I feel like it is something that everyone should expect by now. Haddix- The EPA mandated that we cap the wells and find another source of water. It just so happened that Paris was bringing their water to Horace and they offered a deal and it cost \$990K to bring it the rest of the way. There was a lot published in that and Rodney Wolfe worked very hard on that to make sure that people new what was going on. There again that was three years ago. Hoskins – It will go up again this next January \$5 for the sewer and \$0.27 for the water per thousand gallons. Ramey – We are not paying for the project anymore we are paying for the fee that Paris charges us to bring water to us. Their rate is 3% increase each year and ours is 5% to the customer in order to stay ahead. The councilmen before us have done a good job at keeping the residents in mind when they set the ordinance. Chantell- I am not upset with the minimum I am more arguing the fact of telling the towns people that there is an increase. We moved here four years ago and didn't know there was going to be any increasing in the water bill. Having a letter from City council saying that it is going to increase would be nice for

the community to prepare for. Ramey – Yes it would be nice be it also cost a lot in stamps, envelopes, paper, ink etc. Chantell -So that is another thing that we could not do then. Hoskins – It is always in our newspaper and we can put it on Facebook however, a lot of the population is older and doesn't have Facebook. Mayor – We do have a new page too that you might start wanting to follow. Chantell – I did see that and I am I think its great. Hoskins – Our website guy is working on it.

Mayor – Water Department?

Burgess – We are still waiting on quotes for the water boy and we are waiting to hear from Ryan Byerly to see if we can get an extension on this Lead and Copper date. That is where I am. We are at the point where we need to give the list to Gore and have him inspect everything else in town.

Mayor – Under new business Campers in town, it is nationwide, people are living in them with the way the economy is. We do not have an ordinance against campers at all. We just have a little something that says you have to keep it licensed and stickered. In the near future it might be that we come up with one soon.

Dolan – As of July we are no longer going to have the ability to look up leads. The company that we are with like so many others is no longer going to exist. So, we have been looking at solutions for this problem. One option is something called E-Citation. Additionally, our software that we write reports on is starting to fail. They do not have any update that we could do. I have been looking at other options and found Village Police. It provides the ability to see other counties to see each other's write up. This could change the outcome when pulling someone over. The cost is about \$2,500.00 to get the software licensed and then an additional \$540 a year for annual maintenance. I would like to be forward thinking on these things because there will come a time that I will not be able to write a report. Today was the first time that we benefited from the flock camera. Officer Sollars pulled over 2 out of 3 individuals that were suspended drivers.

COMMISSIONER BURGESS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER JORDAN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL AUTHORIZES THE PURCHASE OF 15 METERS FROM MUELER AT \$34,328.70. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM COMMISIONERS: Jordan – The salt building was sealed and we just got 20 tons of salt in it. Also, the tree on Jefferson Street has been cleaned up after this past storm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COMMISSIONER BURGESS MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES TO OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:05PM. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMISSIONER JORDAN MOVED AND COMMISSIONER ALEXANDER SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES TO CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 7:30 PM. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM THE MAYOR: The only thing I have is I am looking for volunteers to help clean up the town before the Spring Fling. There has not been a date set for that yet. Possibly the week or two before.

ADJOURNMENT:

COMMISSIONER BURGESS MOVED AND COMMISIONER JORDAN SECONDED FOR ADJOURNMENT AT 7:30 PM. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

LELA RAMEY, CITY CLERK