

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE CITY OF CHRISMAN MET FOR A REGULAR MEETING, , 2023 AT 7:02 P.M. WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS PRESENT:

ROLL CALL: MAYOR DAN OWEN, COMMISSIONER CORY CHANEY, COMMISSIONER THAD CRISPIN, COMMISSIONER BRYAN HADDIX. ALSO, PRESENT WAS CITY TREASURER KAYLEN HOSKINS, AND CITY CLERK LELA RAMEY.

MINUTES:

COMMISSIONER HADDIX MOVED AND COMMISSIONER CHANEY SECONDED THAT COUNCIL APPROVES MINUTES FROM APRIL 10TH, 2023. VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED

CLAIMS:

COMMISSIONER CHANEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER CRISPIN SECONDED THAT THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE CLAIMS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$65,105.47 VOTING AYE ON THE MATTER WERE ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. VOTING NAY NONE. MOTION CARRIED.

LELA RAMEY	PAYROLL	ADMIN	975.72-22723
KAYLEN HOSKINS	PAYROLL	ADMIN	1022.63-22724
CODY LEWIS	PAYROLL	STREET	1126.72-22725
MATT SHELATO	PAYROLL	WATER	
ANTHONY WILSON	PAYROLL	STREET	550.29-22726
JAMES TODD	PAYROLL	POLICE	305.14-22727
TOM DOLAN	PAYROLL	POLICE	1321.78-22728
ERIC MCCAIN	PAYROLL	POLICE	329.56-22729 TROY
EADS	PAYROLL	POLICE	
STEPHEN HALL	PAYROLL	POLICE	
RAY RAGLE	PAYROLL	POLICE	
RAY SOLLARS	PAYROLL	POLICE	401.09-22730
MICHAEL BURGESS	PAYROLL	SEWER/WATER	1332.59-22731
PAULA BETH DAIL	PAYROLL	LIBRARY	394.63-22732
CHERYL OATES	PAYROLL	LIBRARY	293.13-22733
CITY OF PARIS	WATER BILL	WATER	11096.01-22734
TECH. MNGMT REV FND	DISPATCHING	POLICE	44.29-22735
DTI OFFICE SOLUTIONS	COPIER CONTRACT	ADMIN	58.48-22736
FRONTIER	EMAIL SERVICE	ADMIN	37.40-22737
GULLIFORD SEPTIC & SEWER	SLUDGE REMOVAL	SEWER	635.00-22738
AMEREN	GAS/ELECTRIC	ALL	1558.25-22739
IPRF	INSURANCE	ALL	3675.00-22740

INGRUM WASTER	DUMPSTERS	ALL	1010.00-22741
LEAF	KYOCERA CONTRACT	ADMIN	99.29-22742
CHRISMAN NAPA	OP SUPP/VEH MAINT	ST/SW/WTR/PO	509.89-22743
NEAL TIRE	VEHICLE MAINT	POLICE	27.65-22744
PACE	CHEMICALS	WATER	290.45-22745
PROGRESSIVE CHEM&LIGHT	CHRISTMAS DECO	ADMIN	84.91-22746
WATER SOLUTIONS ULTD	CHEMICALS/DELIVERY	WATER	1177.09-22747
ADVANCED DIGITAL	COPIER CONTRACT	LIBRARY	55.66-1694
CITY OF CHRISMAN	PAYROLL REIMB 10/21&11/7	LIBRARY	1681.06-1695
LANKSTER & GORE	SEWER LINE	LIBRARY	1125.00-1696
IRS	FEDERAL TAXES	ALL	2414.88-
90001038/40			
IDOR	STATE TAXES	ALL	481.94-90001039/41

**LICENSE:**

**BUILDING PERMITS:**

**DEMO PERMITS:**

**DISCUSSION:** Crispin – Just the regular benches not the picnic tables right. Yeah, I have looked into them. I just got my budget done tonight So I did appropriate to try and get some. Marvin – So new ones will be added? Crispin – Trying to yes. Marvin – One thought was maybe families could even if there isn't enough in the budget. Just reach out to families like certain family could donate money along for a little plaque or if we do like a memorial where people could give money. Like the do to the Library or Fire Department to give to the city for benches. Moore – Good idea or in memory of put a plaque on it. Marvin – In memory of or you know the family of would like to donate as a gift. Moore – Okay

Moore - Teresa. Mrs. Jordan – I am here driving him. Moore – Driving him right.

Moore – Shawna. Boyer – it was brought up at the meeting last night at the community club some of the families have been approaching Troy about putting a bench by the memorial by the um... Moore - Veterans Memorial. Boyer – Yeah the Veterans Memorial so they can sit and look at the stone and everything. And what we proposed was we would go in half and see if the city was able to help purchase it maybe. Steve was going to talk to the American Legion if some one was there last night. And we just wanted to see if the city wanted to be interested in helping donate some money to see if we could get a couple benches or something. Now I know we were discussing this we didn't want to block the view from the road, but if we could figure out some way to get the angling just right because a lot of people would like to sit there and look at it. Moore – Does anybody have an estimate or are they going to get one. Boyer – They are supposed to get an estimate, look at it and figure that out. Moore – Okay.

Mayor Moore – Anybody back there? Bill Houx – I am a new citizen. Mayor Moore – Oh Okay. Houx – And um might be interested in one of your commissioner positions. So I just come up here to observe a meeting. Mayor Moore – Oh Okay... anybody else?

Mayor Moore – Down to licenses. Chaney – Nothing there. Mayor Moore – Any building permits? Ramey – I have several here. **Insert building permits**

Mayor Moore – Do you have any demo permits? Ramey – No I do not. I do have a fire work permit. Mayor Moore – Okay yeah. **Insert Fire Work Permit** Mayor Moore – And you might add is he an authorized fire works person licensed by the state? Ramey – He has his license yeah. Mayor Moore – That would be the next question the public would have. Is he licensed. Ramey – Yes he is.

Mayor Moore – I would like to go into executive session for about ten minutes. Chaney – Can I have the sheet to make a motion? Chaney – For? Crispin – Personnel. **Insert Adjournment Executive Session**

**Insert open session** at 7:33pm Ramey – Go ahead. Mayor Moore – Okay, It is time to swear in Commissioners and I appoint Bob Hoult as the sewer and health department commissioner. That will have to be voted on by the other two commissioners. **Insert commissioner appointment** Mayor Moore – Bob would you like to stand up and face the attorney? David Hamilton -Raise your right hand, I do solemnly swear that I will. Hoult– I do solemnly swear. Attorney Hamilton – that I will support the constitution of the United States. Hoult– that I will upport the constitution of the United States. Attorney Hamilton – And the constitution of the State of Illinois. Hoult – And the constitution of the State of Illinois. Attorney Hamilton – And that I will faithfully discharge the duties. Hoult– And that I will faithfully discharge the duties. Attorney Hamilton – Of the office of Sewer Commissioner & Health Department Commissioner of the city of Chrisman according to the best of my abilities. Hoult– Of the office of Sewer Commissioner & Health Department Commissioner of the city of Chrisman according to the best of my abilities. Mr. Hamilton – Congratulation (hand shake).

Crispin – You can come on up here Bob. Have a seat. Chaney – I assume he is a voting member now right? Mayor Moore – Okay now I would like to appoint Michael Jordan as the Street and Ally Commissioner as well as the Park Commissioner. **Insert commissioner appointment** Mayor Moore - Michael would you like to stand up and face the attorney? David Hamilton -Raise your right hand, I do solemnly swear that I will. Jordan– I do solemnly swear. Attorney Hamilton – that I will support the constitution of the United States. Jordan– that I will upport the constitution of the United States. Attorney Hamilton – And the constitution of the State of Illinois. Jordan– And the constitution of the State of Illinois. Attorney Hamilton – And that I will faithfully discharge the duties. Jordan– And that I will faithfully discharge the duties. Attorney Hamilton – Of the office of Street and Ally Commissioner as well as Park Commissioner of the city of Chrisman according to the best of my abilities. Jordan– Of the office of Street and Ally as well as Parks Commissioner of the city of Chrisman according to the best of my abilities. Mr. Hamilton – Congratulation (hand shake). Mayor Moore – Thank You Thad for all that you have done we appropriate it. Crispin – Yeah, Yep. Good Luck. Excuse me. Mayor Moore – Welcome aboard to both of you.

Mayor Moore – Okay, Tax Levy? Chaney – I don't know. What is that on there for? Hoskins – Mayor just has to sign it. Ramey – Yeah Mayor just has to sign it. Mayor Moore – The hiring of the assistant librarian. Ramey – I have a motion to read for that. **Insert Motion for Librarian** Mayor Moore – Amending Ordinances? Chaney – I don't have anything for that. Mayor Moore – Are we going to amend what we already have? Chaney – Do we have anything to present? Ramey – We don't have anything typed up to present. Chaney – So carry that over. Mayor Moore – Okay

**REPORTS FROM COMMISSIONERS:** Mayor Moore – Cory do you have anything? Chaney – So, Jason Gore came up and fixed a water leak. Um.. out by the sewer plant. That is the fourth repair that they have made on that line in a year. He has highly recommended that, that line needs to be replaced. So he will be getting an estimate together on replacing that line. It is about 15 hundred feet of two inch that feet the sewer plant and Jack Wyatt's. That price will be coming. The only other thing I had and I have screen shot it of an email that I have between myself and people at Illinois Meter as well as Muller. People are questioning their water bills. So I went to the experts here. It says just because a customers usage is high that does not necessarily mean that the meter should be changed out. Meters as they age do not speed up. They slow down so the old meters that we had in the system for 20 or 30 years very probable based on the experts knowledge. They were slowing down so we weren't getting a true reading. So when we have the new meters installed customers are going to have a higher usage because the new meters are 99.9% accurate. So folks need to keep that in mind. So the adjustments should be coming to the council and not left up to the girls to honor those adjustments. Mayor Moore – I did talk to Fahr Graham about a water grant for infrastructure for water mains because they are so old and people shouldn't pay for that work to be done. And there are Grants out there for a reason. Chaney- We are still waiting on storm sewer grants, the guy never came back to town and never came to attend the meeting so.

Mayor Moore – Bob do you have any questions about the sewer plant or..... Hoult – Not at this time but you know I probably will.

Mayor Moore – Jordan do you have any questions about the streets, alleys, or parks? Jordan – Not at this time.

**REPORTS FROM MAYOR:** Okay Community Club they would like, They have been putting on entertainment at the park and the first three Fridays are karaoke like dancing and the last Friday of the month for the kids. The cost is 1800 or 1850, or no 1900 dollars. And they would like to know if the city would pay half of that it would be 950 dollars. Chaney – That would come out of Parks budget. I'm not sure what he has appropriated. Hoskins – You can have it by next meeting. He just handed it in tonight. Mayor Moore – Okay, because they would like their payment by Friday our half if we decide to do it. Hoskins – I don't know what his appropriations are. Mayor Moore – These are the red tags that are going to be put on the vehicles that are in violation. Once the police put this on the vehicle then they have 10 days to be in compliance. After that a wrecker comes up gets the vehicle and all the cost will be put back on the vehicle owner, not on the city. And we are getting people that are cleaning up their property so I am pleased to see that. The ones that aren't able I think we will just have to say look can we help you get this cleaned up. I also, had a concern about the foxes and coyotes that have been coming into town. There is not much we can do about it. We can't... Teresa. Teresa Jordan – Actually that was part of the conversation that I had, but I was waiting to see if that other person was going to be here. However, She isn't. I did contact my vets office and they said to get a hold of the game warden. She also said I could contact the sheriffs department and I explained the situation and I was trying to get information for our Mayor and community. So, I gave Mike the phone number the Game Warden is in Champaign, we do not have one here in town. Whenever I called it was a Monday and so it was a holiday. Mayor Moore – I think his name is Devon Miller and whenever you go to the IDR you can get his email address, but he is from Paris. Teresa Jordan – They told me Champaign at the sheriffs office. So, see you have more information than I do. Chaney – He maybe based out of Champaign but covers this area. Mayor Moore – I guess the problem is the cats. The cats are drawing the wildlife in. I know Teresa you had money raised to get them nuder. Teresa Jordan – Amber Woodyard started a lot of it she really did. And was working really hard on that. She had others that are involved in it. Well we had talked on night over at Lincolnshire, Kaite Lund was involved and she was working

with the human association and we had different volunteer groups in different areas that were going to transport to the U of I. There were a lot of different things however, Illinois funding for those things have been cut back and then the vets offices it is up to 100 dollars or more per cat. The U of I is no longer doing it. The one in Terre Haute has lost their vet as well. So there is not anywhere around here. I just sent the human association a thing the other day about a traveling one, I really didn't get much information on it. I did speak with someone, I don't have his name, but I can try and find out. When I was going to see if I was going to be following the guidelines for trapping anything. I was advised by that person that the stray cats can become a huge problem because they will just kill for the sake of killing. And then they take the food from different animals and then it actually draws the others in town. However, your efforts to get trash cleaned up and yard mowed is a good starting point so we appreciate you are doing that. Also, people keeping lids on their trash can is another big help. I know the city a few years ago put out a thing because it was drawing in a lot of skunks. But I don't know how much you can do with the nuisance ordinances when it comes to pharrell cats. So that would be something else to ask. Mayor Moore – I will ask Dan and have him come to a meeting. Mrs. Jordan – I know that the house down there by our the church that the city started mowing. Mayor Moore – Yes Mrs. Jordan – I did see a big huge ground hog and I have seen other critters around. So, exposing them when they don't have a home will help. We have one back here that has done a hole lot of damage to the underneath side on that building. I think that nuisance animals might be the thing to ask. Mayor Moore -I will get a hold of him and have him come to a meeting, and ask him all the questions. Mrs. Jordan – I think that is great idea. Mayor Moore – I guess Michael took something down to Rural King, this stone stop stopper? I guess it didn't have any oil in it, an estimate to get it fix the motor or I guess to get a new one it will be 549 dollars. The old motor was 28 years old and if he replaced the whole thing it would be just shigh of 3,000. So, I will let you look at that. Mayor Moore – Teresa? Mrs. Jordan – There was no oil in it? How is responsible for that ? Mayor Moore – Well it was leaking out and we also have a problem with the water truck he said that it was using 4 quarts every hour and a half. And that is an old truck right? A 2016? Mayor Moore – Shawna Boyer – Do we have a contract with someone to fix thing like that? Mayor Moore – Yeah normally we just take it to Rural King or Monkey's Wrench. Boyer – Was the truck ever taken to him then? Chaney – Oh yeah, all the trucks are taken there for things like oil changes, age and maintenance. I don't know if this particular truck has been taken to him or not. But yeah the go. Boyer – Well that is what I was asking if it has been through all that then why wasn't Michael taken it up there and be like hey... Chaney – Yeah I'm sure he has. Mayor Moore – That truck is going to start nickle and dimming us to death. He said you really don't need that truck, we have four- wheeler and stuff to go around to the water meters with them. That is all about what they use it for. Boyer – It does make sense. Mayor MOORE - It would be much cheaper so that is is something to consider too. Chaney – We have 3 trucks for 2 guys. We do have plenty of truck's. Hoskins – except the meter reading equipment wont fit/ sit on a 4-wheeler. Mayor Moore and Chaney – Agreed Chaney – She is the one that runs that so she needs a truck. Mayor Moore – are you more comfortable in a truck. Ramey – Yes. Mayor Moore – okay, I have a phone conference in the morning with the attorney general office, some lawyers and some engineer. On responding to the a letter from the EPA on violations on the sewer plant that have been there for sometime. So we are trying to get them to understand that we are trying to correct the problem with the new sewer plant. However, we are still waiting on motors and the motors are on back order until July. I am hoping we can come up with an agreement to keep us from being fine. But the possibility is there. I would like to comment and compliment this guy right here Cory Chaney has done so much in the last year. He has taken on the roll of everyone and we appreciate it, it is a lot! Chaney – Thank You! Mayor Moore – Any other comments,...No one wants to be water commissioner? Mrs. Jordan – Actually Bill wanted to talk to you when you were available this week. He had someone at his house working on it and he had to leave. Mayor Moore – Does he have his water license? Jordan – I have no clue. Mayor Moore –

but he has had it before? Jordan – I'm not sure. Mayor Moore – But he has worked in a water plant. Jordan – Yes he has. Mayor Moore – Okay, Alright. Mayor Moore – I just want to thank everyone for coming and want you to feel welcome.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

COMMISSIONER CHANEY MOVED AND COMMISSIONER JORDAN SECONDED FOR ADJOURNMENT AT 7:57 PM.

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

LELA RAMEY, CITY CLERK