

CITY OF CHRISMAN MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 21ST, 2025
6:00 pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The City of Chrisman met for a regular meeting, Monday July 21st, 2025 at 6:00pm with the following members present

ROLL CALL

Mayor Moore, Commissioner Haddix, Commissioner Hoult, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Wolfe present. Absent – none. Also, present Janet Vandivier – City Clerk, Kristy Johnson- City Treasure

MINUTES

Commissioner Hoult moved; Commissioner Wolfe seconded that council approves the minutes for the meeting July 7th, 2025. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

CLAIMS

Commissioner Wolfe moved; Commissioner Hoult seconded that council authorized the claims in the amount of \$51,464.98 for this meeting. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

BUILDING PERMIT

Commissioner Owen moved; Commissioner Wolfe seconded that council authorizes the building permit for 117 Woodlawn Dr. All members present vote aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

RECOGNITION OF GUEST

Cheri Oates – brought to the council's attention of the down spouts being clogged, American Legion is looking into possibly taking care if that for the library. Scott Russell will get back with the council to let them know the Legions decision.

Sabrina Boyer- Reported to the Council an incident that happen on the town square on Saturday July 19th

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Commissioner Wolfe moved; Commissioner Hoult seconded that council moves to maintain a local 1% food tax as of 1/1/2026. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Owen moved; Commissioner Haddix seconded that council approves the request from the Chrisman Fire Department during Chrisman Days with changes. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

Commissioner Owen moved; Commissioner Haddix seconded that council approves the request from the Chrisman American Legion during Chrisman Days. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

Commissioner Haddix moved; Commissioner Hoult seconded that Council approves Ordinance #2025-4 an ordinance authorizing the issuance of a sewerage system revenue bond, series C of the City of Chrisman, Edgar County, Illinois and authorizing certain actions and documents and prescribing other matters relating thereto. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoult moved; Commissioner Owen seconded that council approves the USDA Loan Payoff of \$2,150,150.00. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Hoult moved; Commissioner Owen seconded that council approves up to \$2600 for tree removal at 602 E Madison. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

REPORT FROM POLICE

See attached

REPORT FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Owen- Boys have been working on the park, the best it's looked in a long time. Working on alley and holes still waiting on information from the engineer for rock and chip.

Commissioner Haddix – nothing

Commissioner Wolfe – You see that claims are a little high, my water bill usually runs 13 to 14 this time it was 20,000. We will break it down and see what is going on. I was wondering if we could check with Ross Township Road Commissioner to see if they might help us with the culvert by Scott Russell's house. It's lands on us but runs from them.

Commissioner Hoult – Kristy went to training last Thursday and learned a lot of valuable information. We are getting there.

REPORT FROM MAYOR

Mayor Moore – We sent out 21 Ordinance Violation Letters to get the city cleaned up. We have seen some good response. I also had a complaint from N Indiana street that they now have rats, I contacted the Edgar County Health Department, the State Attorney's Office and the EPA with no help. They are saying that because we have ordinances that the Police Department is to enforce them. Discussion was had between the mayor, commissioners & Chief Dolan of possibilities to remedy this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Owen moved; Commissioner Haddix seconded for adjournment @6:45 PM. All members present voted aye, voting nay none. Motion carried

*Janet Vandivier
City Clerk*

Chrisman Police Department – Chief's Report

7/21/25

- The remaining officer completed his annual firearms qualification.
- 5 properties with potential unregistered/abandoned vehicles identified by the Mayor have been visited and owners are working to correct the situation.
- Light bar is malfunctioning sometimes, and locking on lights rather than continuing to move as it should. Spoke with Rahn Equipment company and they will look at it when we have the car in to install the Watchguard In-Camera Video System from the other squad.
- State's Attorney has decided to pursue charges on several investigations we have completed.
- Several other felony and misdemeanor cases are pending and moving through the court system, and another major investigation is still ongoing.
- Regarding the recent reports of prowlers, much of what has been reported has not been able to be substantiated. No video evidence has been presented. Several statements made have been shown to be in error. Other statements are believed, but can't be substantiated. I've spoken at length with several of the complainants. We have performed significant extra patrol. One individual reported to be one of the prowlers was located, but it is not believed that he was involved in any of the reported activities. The other individual has not been located, but several leads are being investigated. ISP Trooper Kris Martinez will be offering another opportunity for people to get involved in the Neighborhood Watch he started several years ago, and has scheduled a meeting for Wed 7/23 at 6pm at the Am. Legion. Remember, always call 911 immediately if you believe something criminal is happening. Lock doors. Have motion sensitive lights outside. Ring doorbell and other cameras are good to have.