

Town Council Meeting

July 14, 2025

The Town Council for the Town of Chrisney met for a regular meeting on July 14, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Chrisney Town Hall. All members were present.

Planning and Zoning Update

- Chris stated that a hearing was held with the property owner regarding their violations at 54 E. North Street. During the hearing the property owner decided to sell the property to North Spencer County School Corporation (NSCSC). Chris stated that they informed NSCSC that there would be continued enforcement over violations. He stated that NSCSC reached out and provided a scope of work and a timeline for the work they planned to do which included demolishing the structure. Council approved the timeline.
- John stated that another property owner is in violation at 29 E. High Street. It is his belief that someone is living at the location without final inspection and renewal of their permit. Council advised John to work with Andrew on the matter.
- Council introduced Ordinance #2025-5 an Ordinance revising labor rates for the Town of Chrisney. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to publish in the newspaper and pass at the next meeting. Motion carried.
- Discuss the changes to the current Weed Ordinance #2004-4 an Ordinance requiring removal of weed and rank vegetation. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to amend Ordinance #2004-4 and change the height of the weeds or rank vegetation from twelve inches to ten inches and change the ten days of receipt of notice to cut weeds or rank vegetation to seven. Motion carried. Andrew will provide an ordinance with the changes at the next meeting.
- Learned John had received several complaints about campers, boats and vehicles parked on the sidewalks. He wanted the council's guidance on how to move forward since most of them have been notified but no action has been taken. The council discussed updating the ordinance which was originally passed in 1916, concerning the town's authority to remove obstructions. Chris stated that he will check with other towns to see if they have an ordinance and procedures in place.
- John stated that during the Plan Commission meeting on June 26th they discussed an ordinance for a duplex since they have had a property owner approach them regarding building one. He noted that they may have to request some changes to the ordinance.

Wastewater Project

- Drew stated that all work on the wastewater system had been completed by the contractor except for the asphalt for the church parking lot but should be completed in the next few days.
- Drew presented Commonwealth Engineer's recommendation to pay Koberstein Contracting Inc. Pay Application #13 for \$55,000 to release the remainder of the retainage. Motion made

by Greg seconded by Mason to approve Koberstein Contracting, Inc. Pay Application #13 in the amount of \$55,000. Motion carried. He stated that once this is paid the project will be closed out with a one-year warranty period.

- Drew stated that with the additional funds that are left over from SRF program we could take care of some of the current issues such as the high amounts of inflow going to the wastewater treatment plant due to the weather and that the source of the inflow needs to be identified. He proposed Smoke Testing & Manhole Inspections to help find the issues. He presented an Amendment to Owner-Engineer Agreement Amendment No.5 allowing them to perform Smoke Testing & Manhole Inspections in the amount of \$57,500. He noted that it would take about 60 days to complete the work and approximately 30 additional days to get the report. Motion made by Mason seconded by Greg to approve the Engineer Agreement Amendment No. 5 and to give Drew authorization to contact SRF to get their approval before any additional work would be done. Motion carried.

Community Crossings Grant

- Drew stated that they are still waiting for J.H. Rudolph & Co., Inc. to start the project. However, we did receive a quote from them to do additional paving and patching in areas (See quote) in the amount of \$16,910.00. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to approve J.H. Rudolph & Co., Inc. quote in the amount of \$16,910. Motion carried. Council advised Kim to ask DLGF for an additional appropriation from the MVH Fund.

Grass Township

- Jeannie Thomas, Grass Township Trustee was present to discuss the property on Main Street owned by the township. She stated that there are holes in the parking lot that need to be addressed. During the townships recent meeting they voted to purchase rock to fill in the holes. The township is requesting that the town help with the labor/manpower and equipment needed for the project. Motion made by Mason seconded by Greg to approve the towns labor/manpower and equipment needed for the project. Motion carried.

Utility Update

- John stated that they did not have any utility updates.

2026 Budget

- Kim distributed the 2026 Budget with the amendments and asked the council to give their approval before the Budget Workshop with DLGF.
- Kim stated that the Public Hearing is set for September 8th and the Budget Adoption is set for October 6th. Council approved.

Other Business

- Kim stated that the 4th of July event was a huge success. She asked for permission to donate \$500 from the Towns funds to help cover some of the expenses for the event. Motion made

by Mason seconded by Chris to give Kim approval to pay \$500 to Chrisney Civic Association for the 4th of July event expenses. Motion carried.

Upcoming Events

- Chrisney Fall Fest-September 18, 19, 20

Council gave approval for the following reports:

- May 2025 Fund Report
- May 2025 Bank Statements
- May 2025 Revenue Detail Report
- A/P Registry Summary Report
- May 2025 Payroll Hours Report detail and check register

The next board meeting was changed to August 4, 2025, at 7:00 pm. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

