

Town Council Meeting

September 8, 2025

The Town Council for the Town of Chrisney met for a public hearing and regular meeting on September 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. at Chrisney Town Hall. Mason Seay was absent.

The first order of business was to conduct a public hearing regarding the 2026 budget. With no comments from those in attendance, Motion made by Greg seconded by Chris to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning Update

- John stated that he has tried contacting the property owner at 29 E. High Street regarding their violation. Council suggested that John deliver the building permit paperwork to their front door.
- John reported that NSCSC has completed the demolition paperwork for the home at 54 E. North Street and will likely be demolished by next week depending on the weather. He also stated that the gas and sewer lines were capped by himself and Ben. Chad Schnieders, School Superintendent asked for a cost estimate and was told it would not exceed \$1,500.
- John stated that another home will be demolished on Locust Street next week.
- Ben Cohoon, President of the Chrisney Plan Commission presented a recommendation from the Chrisney Plan Commission to amend zoning ordinances to include duplex standards. The Plan Commission proposes the following standards for duplex and multi-family development.
 - Parking Requirements
 - Building Specifications
 - Setbacks Requirements
 - Lot Coverage
 - Council discussed whose responsibility it would be should a driveway be paved over a utility easement. Council agreed to hold a public hearing at the October 6th meeting to discuss it further.

Wastewater Project

- John stated that Commonwealth Engineering is handling the manhole inspections and smoke testing the lines in the near future. John stated that we will notify our customers, Fire Department and Sheriff's Department.
- In addition, John is researching the cost of cameras to televise sewer lines and will have a quote for review at the October meeting. The cost will be paid out of the State Revolving Fund monies if approved.

Community Crossings Grant

- John stated that J.H. Rudolph & Co., Inc. is scheduled to start the paving project next week for the Community Crossings Grant and the additional paving and patching work in town.

MVH Additional Appropriation

- Kim introduced Ordinance #2025-7 an Ordinance for Appropriation and Tax Rates to Taxpayers for the MVH Fund for an Additional Appropriation in the amount of \$17,000. Motion made by Greg seconded by Chris to pass Ordinance #2025-7. Motion carried.

Apprenticeship Program

- Motion made by Greg seconded by Chris to hire Michael Forler for the Indiana Rural Water Alliance Apprenticeship position pending a clean background check, pre-employment drug screen and a signed employment agreement. Motion carried.
- Kim stated that Michael will start September 15th, but the Apprentice Program will begin January 1, 2026.

Gas Rate Study

- Kim stated that she is still working with Pat Callahan, our Utility Rate Consultant on the gas rate study.

Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)

- Council reviewed and made changes to the 2025 project priority list for the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Town of Chrisney. This document is used for planning purposes and to assist Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in finding grants to aid in the development. Motion made by Greg seconded by Chris to approve the updated list and to present it to Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission. Motion carried.

Salary Ordinance

- Kim presented Ordinance #2025-8 an ordinance fixing salaries for elected officials and employees of the Town of Chrisney, Indiana effective September 25, 2025. Motion made by Greg seconded by Chris to pass Ordinance #2025-8. Motion carried.

Utility Update

- John presented a five-year gas contract with TransCanada/ANR for our Natural Gas transportation. This contract allows Symmetry to act as our nominating agent to make nominations for our gas transportation. Motion made by Greg seconded by Chris to

approve the contract and gave approval for John to sign any needed documents. Motion carried.

Other Business

- A group of neighbors living in the area of High Street and Church Street were in attendance to ask what could be done about a neighbor whose property is in disarray, the yard full of weeds and debris and loud music and other noises late at night and in the early morning hours. They also voiced their concern about possums, snakes and other animals in the area, and our leash laws.
- Council thanked them for attending and recommended that the residents contact our county dispatch concerning the noise and animal complaints. As for the weed and debris situation, John and Ben will look into the issue and take appropriate action.

Upcoming Events

- Chrisney Fall Fest-September 18th, 19th, 20th
- Town of Chrisney Trick or Treat Hours-October 31st 5-8 pm
- Trunk or Treat-October 31st 5-8 pm at the Chrisney Golf Course

Council gave approval for the following reports:

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

The next board meeting was changed to October 6, 2025, at 7:00 pm. With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

