

Town Council Meeting

March 2, 2026

The Town Council for the Town of Chrisney met for a regular meeting on March 2, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Chrisney Town Hall. All members were present

Public Hearing

- The first order of business was to call to order the public hearing to discuss Gas Ordinance #2026-1 an ordinance amending gas utility rates effective May 5, 2026, and due by May 20, 2026 (consumption dates 3/22-4/22). No one was present to comment. Council closed the public hearing with no comments. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to pass Ordinance #2026-1. Motion carried. Kim stated that she will send the new rate ordinance to Keystone so that they can change the gas rate table in the Key Utility program.

Planning and Zoning Update

- John stated that two homeowners have been notified of violations. One has completed most of the work. The second did not respond so town employees handled the major clean-up at 112 E Market Street. The owner will be billed and if the bill is not paid, a lien will be placed on the property.
- John stated that the owner at 29 E High Street is still not in compliance and has been unresponsive to requests. He stated that the building permit has expired for over a year and they have failed to complete Planning & Zoning requirements. John, who serves as the town's enforcement authority, agreed a fine should be issued on both offenses but the details need to be determined by the hearing authority and the board. He stated that ordinance fines range from \$5 a day up to \$200 a day. Council approved \$100 a day (\$50 per offense) and for Andrew to send a certified letter to the landowner.

Wastewater Project

- Drew Flaminio from Commonwealth Engineers was present to give an update on the Wastewater Project.
 - Drew stated that he has been working with John, Ben and Michael analyzing how the remaining SRF funding should be spent to make additional wastewater approvals. He stated we have about \$500,000 left in SRF funding to spend on the project.
 - Drew discussed the engineer's opinion of probable construction costs on sewer main rehab project MH 58 North to Alley and sewer main rehab project MHS 56 to 56A. He stated that replacement of these lines, bidding, labor standards, permitting fees, design plans, engineering, in both non-construction and

construction costs will consume most of these funds. In addition, we will purchase CCTV equipment that will be able to televise the lines within the system.

- Drew presented amendment to owner-engineer agreement #6 for the engineer to complete design, bidding, and construction services for replacing gravity sewer main from MH 56 to MH 56 A and from MH 58 to alley in the amount of \$112,000. Drew recommended that they sign the agreement so they can proceed with project and for Commonwealth to do surveys, design and get the permits submitted and prepare the bids. He stated that he will send this all to SRF for approval before moving forward. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to approve the \$112,000 amendment (pending SRF approval) and to move forward with the project. Motion carried.

Code Books

- John discussed the need to update our Code Books and to include the planning and zoning changes/updates. He stated that it has been about 3 years since we have updated them. Indiana 15 Regional Plan Commission handles the updates and provides both the book updates and online version. Council approved. Kim and John will send the updated ordinances and the planning and zoning changes/updates to Indiana Region 15.

Utility Update

- John presented quotes from Meyer Truck Equipment and Elpers Truck Equipment for a service body with utility box to fit the 2024 Chevy truck bed and a snow plow to fit the 2024 Chevy truck. Chris stated that more bids are coming in so they decided to table until next meeting.
 - Meyer Truck Equipment-\$21,635
 - Elpers Truck Equipment-\$27,768
- Kim presented information regarding customers who had a water leak. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to approve adjusting the customer's bill to the average charge and the additional gallons to be charged at the wholesale rate. Motion carried.
- Kim presented the 2025 Annual Report for Water and the 2026 Budget for Water to submit to USDA Rural Development. Kim stated that she works with our rate consultant, Pat Callahan, to prepare these reports that are required annually due to having our water bonds with them. Motion made by Greg seconded by Mason to approve both reports. Motion carried.

Other Business

- No other business was brought before the board.

Upcoming Events

- The Chrisney Events Team has scheduled an Easter Egg Hunt @ Chrisney Park-April 4, 2026, at 4 pm. Council approved a \$200 donation from the CEDIT Fund.

Council approved the following reports:

- January 2026 Fund Report
- January 2026 Bank Statements
- January 2026 Revenue Detail Report
- A/P Registry Summary Report
- January 2026 Payroll Hours Report detail and check register
- 2025 Annual Financial Report to SBOA (before and after submittal)

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

