

**TOWN MANAGER**  
Ken Deal

**TOWN CLERK**  
Amanda Eller

**TOWN ATTORNEY**  
Tom Brooke



**MAYOR**  
Don Bringle

**TOWN COUNCIL**  
Brandon Linn  
Charles Seaford  
Steve Stroud  
Mike Upright  
Lee Withers

## **TOWN OF CHINA GROVE**

### **A regular meeting and budget meeting of the Town of China Grove Town Council**

**MINUTES**  
**May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

#### **OPENING REMARKS**

Mayor Bringle called the budget meeting to order at 5:30pm on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014. All council members were present.

He thanked staff for their preparations for tonight's meeting.

#### **BUDGET MEETING**

I) "What's in this Budget"

Mr. Deal reviewed the information provided in this document from the Finance Officer.

Mrs. Bopp stated that she would like to see the \$50,000 reserved for a fire truck placed in a long term (two to three year) CD for better interest rates. She stated that the Cash Reserve Fund does not gain much interest at all.

Mr. Linn stated that he has spoken with Chief Klutz and feels that the Council does not need to move forward with a Lieutenant or Captain position for this year but to do so at a later time. He stated he would like to see monthly stats before doing so.

Mr. Withers stated that he has also spoken with the Chief and Mr. Linn, and that it gives a hierarchy to turn to if needed. He stated that he doesn't believe that we currently have the person to fill this position. He stated that there is a vacant position currently.

Mayor Bringle asked the benefit of having three versus two additional fire positions.

Mr. Deal stated that it would be advantageous to have three over two so that there would be an extra position for each shift.

II) FY 2014-2015 Budget Estimates – Revenues and Expenditures by Line Items

Mayor Bringle brought up the need for street lights.

Mr. Deal stated that there are areas that still do not have street lights. He stated that it will be very difficult in certain areas.

Mayor Bringle clarified the tax rate of \$.54, and 1 cent = \$27,209.

Mayor Bringle reviewed his questions and concerns with the line items as presented.

Mr. Withers made a motion to recess.

**TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

Mayor Bringle reconvened the meeting for the Regular Town Council Meeting.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bringle called Roll. All Councilmembers were present, there was a quorum. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Linn made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Upright made a motion to adopt the Consent Agenda. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

I) Public Hearing for Ordinance Amendment to Section 58: “Vehicles and Traffic”

Mr. Brooke reviewed the revisions requested to this section of the Town of China Grove Ordinances.

Mr. Withers made a motion to open the Public Hearing for comments. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing for comments.

Mr. Alan Corriher of 503 Stevens Street stated that there are many two-axle trucks that are commercial vehicles and over the weight requirement. He stated that he will have a tractor-trailer occasionally and wants clarification that they will or will not be allowed.

Mr. Brooke stated that even though Cedar Street is a dead end, it is still a Town-owned street. He stated that if he has an acre he meets the requirements. He stated that China Grove is a working Town.

Mr. Withers stated that there is a lot of wear and tear to public streets.

Mr. Corriher stated that nothing wears and tears the streets more than a fire truck. He stated that he doesn't see anything wrong with it if there is a hazard but does not agree with not being able to park at a private residence.

There were no further comments

Mr. Linn made a motion to close the public hearing. Mr. Upright seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Upright made a motion to approve the Ordinance Amendment to Section 58: "Vehicles and Traffic". Mr. Linn seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Set Public Hearing for UDO Text Amendment to Section 4.21: "Parking of Commercial and Recreational Vehicles"

Mr. Linn made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing for comments.

There were no comments.

Mr. Linn made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the UDO Text Amendment to Section 4.21: "Parking of Commercial and Recreational Vehicles" with removal of the word "periodic" from the current draft. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle requested Mr. Brooke to verify whether Cedar Street has been closed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Deal stated that they will be meeting with the roofing company this week. He also stated that the generator at the Fire Department is set to be replaced with insurance.

Mayor Bringle stated that there needs to be revisions made to the Fowl Ordinance to set fines for those who do not meet the specifications. He stated that roosters are not allowed in the Town and it has been presented to him that the Council needs to set such a fee or compliance requirement.

The Council agreed to adhere to the general fees in the Town of China Grove Code of Ordinances.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mayor Bringle recognized Chief Kluttz for being awarded “Officer of the Year” at the Optimist Club Breakfast for 2014. He stated that the Police Department vetoed the selection and awarded this to the Chief.

Mayor Bringle set the next Budget Meeting for June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. preceding the Regular Town Council Meeting.

Mayor Bringle set the Public Hearing for the FY 2014-2015 Budget Hearing for June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Seaford seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

**Respectfully Submitted,**

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**Amanda A. Eller**  
Town Clerk

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**Don Bringle**  
Mayor