

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

April 2, 2015

Palestine Board of Trustees met on March 5, 2015, at 5:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were George Harrison, Ricky Stork, J.R. Dunlap, Rob Byrley, Larry Miller and Gene Purcell.

Staff Members present: Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, Shirley Adams, Village Clerk, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent.

Visitors present: Peg and Red Waggoner, Tim McDaniel, Christopher DeWitt (WTYE), and Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

Meeting called to order by Mayor Patricia Schofield.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of March 5, 2015, were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Spring Clean-up – Scheduled for April 29, 30, and May 1. Mark Dennis will be picking up metal parts.

2) Matteson property updates – No updates at this time.

3) Update – Full Funding – LGDF Revenues – From information Mayor Schofield has heard, there will be a reduction, maybe as much as 20% to 25%. Nothing is confirmed as of this date.

4) Snow Emergency – Main Street was established as the N & S Snow route; we should also designate an E & W Snow route as well that would be central to the Village.

The consensus was to designate Grand Prairie as the East & West snow route.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1) Approval of 2015-2016 Fiscal Budget. Larry Miller made a motion to approve the FY 2015-2016 Budget as presented. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Approval of PDA Request for the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine and Arts Festival. (See attached formal letter of request.) J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the request from the PDA. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) United Way – June 3 – Municipal Workday – Needs list of Spring Clean-up. The United Way of Crawford County has volunteered resources to the Village of Palestine for a Day of Caring on June 3, 2015. If we are interested, all they need from us is a list of tasks that we would like to have accomplished. Consensus was to agree to their offer. We must forward out list by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

4) Discussion – Request for Release of Revolving Loan Mortgage – Don York/MarioBantican YICAN Properties. This will be discussed in an Executive Session.

5) Storm Drain – Corner N Lincoln and Rt. 33/E. Franklin – Gene Purcell made a motion to repair the storm drain in this fiscal year from the General Fund. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy requested Mike Gill to get paperwork started in order to get approval from the State for us to make repairs to the storm drain. She's not heard anything from Mike as of this date.

**DPW REPORT:** Kathy Clark, Superintendent. DPW scraped some metal from our lots behind Dollar General and cleared it of brush. There is more metal there, where there used to be an elevator. Kathy, Ricky, and Gene will look into this further.

DPW has been working on road patching. In addition, they are constructing guideposts on corners of N. Lincoln and E. Franklin.

**REPORT:** Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

Isiah Osborne's interview for a part-time position will be on April 9<sup>th</sup>. The background check on Isiah resulted in very high comments and recommendations.

Chief Besing is completing a grant application for three new Tasers and two new in-car video/audio camera systems totaling \$14,500. If we don't get approved for the grant, we will not be making the purchases.

The Chief will be checking the Village for abandoned or disabled vehicles this month as well as other ordinance violations.

#### **PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – APRIL – RICKY STORK**

**FYI: Palestine PTO; Paces for Pioneers will be held on May 9, 2015.**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Budget Committee:** Shirley Adams, Chairman. March financials given to Trustees. Will be preparing the Annual Appropriations and Tax Levi Ordinances.

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman

**Employee Relations Committee:** Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

**FOIA Officers:** Shirley Adams, Chairman.

**Ordinance Committee:** Larry Miller, Chairman. We've had several inquiries about ordinances recently.

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** J.R. Dunlap, Chairman.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Ricky Stork, Chairman.

At 5:29 PM, J.R. Dunlap moved to go into Executive Session for the purpose of 2(C) (11).

Returned to Regular Session at 5:46 PM. No conclusions were made concerning the possibility of

litigation concerning the Release of the Revolving Loan Mortgage. We will follow up when we get more information from the attorneys.

George Harrison asked about the possibility of getting the Ethanol Plan annexed. After further discussion, the Mayor, George and J.R. decided they might meet with Eric, specifically about annexing the 100' around the plant.

With no further business to discuss, Gene Purcell moved to adjourn. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.

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