

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 5, 2016

Palestine Board of Trustees met on May 5, 2016, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, Rick Stork and J.R. Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Susan Goodwine, Susan Hawkins, Kegan Elder, Tarryn Monti, Jessica Divine, Alex Pleasant and Chris DeWitte (WTYE).

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 April 7, 2016, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Spring Clean-up. Very few concerns. Some folks put out TV's, etc. and Republic does not pick those items up.

2) Discussion and approval of Mediacom Ordinance – 5% Franchise Fee (copy of ordinance attached). This franchise fee will continue to be ours as long as we file an ordinance. No charges will be passed on to our residents. Tim McDaniel made a motion to approve the Mediacom Ordinance 2016-O-02. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion and approval of request from PHS prom. The prom committee has requested that they be allowed to block off street at Community Unit building to AmVets from 7-8:30 PM. J.R. moved that we approve their request to block off the street at Grand Prairie to Market St. for the times requested. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and approval of 2017 Appropriations Ordinance. Gene Purcell moved that we approve the FY 2016-2017 Appropriation Ordinance No. 2016-O-03. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carrier unanimously.

3) Discussion and approval of 2016 Tax Levy Ordinance. This ordinance will be up for discussion and approval at the June Board Meeting.

4) Discussion of the Crawford County Solid Waste Committee Proposal – Appoint permanent Board Member of Committee. Fact Sheets were handed out for the Board's review. As we can see, Crawford County Solid Waste is needing help. They are needing an additional amount of \$25,000 annually at present. It was hoped that income from selling the recyclables would provide adequate funds to keep the facility going but as the fact sheet indicated, prices paid for the recyclables has

decreased severely. The Committee Proposal is to ask the communities to share, based on their census, an amount that would help keep them going. Palestine's share would be \$1708.00. After further discussion, Gene Purcell made a motion that the Village pay Crawford County Solid Waste \$1,708.00 annually. Payments would be made quarterly. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Approval of PDA request for Wabash Valley Wine and Art Festival Oct. 1, & 2, 2016. The festival would be held on the 100 block of North Main and the 100-300 blocks of South Main Street, in addition to the east and west streets of Harrison and Grand Prairie from Lincoln to Pike Street. They also request that that the festival be allowed to have open wine containers/glasses in the above specified areas. Rick Stork made a motion that we approve the PDA request. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion and Approval of the Condemnation of the Ramsey properties based on our attorney's advice. The properties are 418, 420 422 and 500 ½ E. Franklin St. Tim McDaniel moved that we proceed with the condemnation with our attorney's direction. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. The monthly police report was given out.

The Palestine High School graduation will be on Saturday, May 21st at 2:00 PM and the Palestine Grade School 8th grade graduation is Monday, May 23rd at 7:00 PM.

Chief Besing has started to compile a list of properties that need their grass mowed and have accumulated 16 properties so far. He will send out letters giving them three days to correct the issue.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – MAY – TIM McDANIEL.

FYI: Reminder: Freedom of Information Updates – March 2016.

FYI: Fall clean-up Schedules: October 19th, 20th, and 21st.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. April financials were handed out along with a summary of State Revenue we have received in 2012 thru 2016.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman. Larry is working on an ordinance for the DPW.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. Rob, Tim & Rick have allocated about 1200' of sidewalk for repairs.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

Other business:

The Village has received correspondence from the Indiana Rail Road Company requesting us to replace a storm sewer on their property because they plan to re-do some of their tracks and our storm sewer will interfere with their plans. We have been informed that it is our responsibility to do this. The cost may be up to \$10,000. Mayor Schofield has been in contact with Mike Gill, Lamac Engineering concerning this situation. We'll discuss this further at the next Board Meeting.

Gene Purcell voiced concern that the DPW workers were not wearing their reflector jackets. It was the consensus of the Board that this should be a priority for safety purposes and they should be worn everyday they are working.

Rick Stork gave everyone heads up that the AmVets will be adding a new awning to their building soon.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. Rick Stork seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK