

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

June 4, 2015

Palestine Board of Trustees met on June 4, 2015, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were George Harrison, Ricky Stork, J.R. Dunlap, Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell and Tim McDaniel.

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

Visitors present: Jim Clark, Larry Miller, Brandon Carpenter (Patrolman), Isiah Osborne and Christopher 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 May 7, 2015, were accepted as presented.

First order of business was Mayor Schofield conducting the:

Swearing-in Ceremony of Isiah Osborne **Palestine Police Department Patrolman**

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Matteson property updates:

- a. 208 S. Main St.; Complaint about the odor, etc. by the neighboring businesses. Mayor Schofield and Gene Purcell will meet with our attorney next Wednesday and report at the next Board Meeting.
- b. Rush Street – Sale of property has not been completed as proposed by the Mattesons. The house has been bulldozed down sometime this week.
- c. 415 S. Main St. – Update on repairs done by June 1st, as agreed in court. See Chief Besing's report.

2) Update – United Way – June 3/Municipal Workday by volunteers. John Spitz, Chairman of United Way, asked if they could help the Village in any way. It was agreed they would paint the Village Hall and so they did, and did a great job. Kudos to all the workers! Kathy Clark painted the numbers on the building and the upper part of the building that required the use of a lift. A big thanks to her also.

3) Update – Release of Mortgage – YICAN Properties – No activity. We received a summons today concerning the Release of Mortgage. Our attorney will prepare an answer about where we stand on this Release of Mortgage and file the answer within 30 days.

4) Grimes Addition Alley – Has been staked and marked; Completed new plat – Some property owners want the alley to be vacated; some not. We voted on this last fall to vacate the alley. All but

one couple wish to go ahead with the vacation. Mayor Schofield asked the Board for their input about forcing the vacation. After further discussion, J.R. Dunlap made a motion to abandon the Grimes Addition alley and give each land owner their half of the ally as legalities allow. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approve 2015 Labor Day Parade Permit – Sept 7, 2015. J.R. Dunlap made a motion to approve the Labor Day Permit for Sept. 7, 2015. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and approval of 2015-2016 Appropriations. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Appropriations Ordinance #2015-O-01. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and approval of 2015-2016 Tax Levy. Gene Purcell moved to approve the Tax Levy Ordinance #2015-O-02. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

The storm drain at the intersection of N. Lincoln and E. Franklin is repaired. The damage was minimal.

The aeration fountain valve handle is repaired. Kermit Green made a sleeve to protect it from the waste.

Kathy received word from the County Engineer's Office that the grant for State supplied regulatory signs came through and we should be able to pick them up next week.

The DPW will start on the chip and seal projects very soon.

Kathy asked the Board if it would be possible for the Village to furnish bottled water for her department. They have no water fountain in their shop and they are in their trucks most of the time. Gene Purcell made a motion that the Village furnish bottled water and ice for the DPW staff. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.
Officer Carpenter is back to work full duty.

Officer Carpenter and Chief Besing participated in the Crawford County DUI saturation that was held on May 22nd. Officer Baxter was on duty in Palestine during this detail.

The Police Dept. received a generous donation of \$1,500 from the same private donor who gave the Department \$500 last month. Both donations will be used for equipment purchases and upgrades.

The delivery date of the new squad car has been extended to the middle of July due to overwhelming amount of orders. This type of squad is the most popular police car being used across the United States.

In reference to the Matteson properties, there has been a new porch cover built onto the front stoop and the residence in the 400 block of S. Main. We have a review court hearing scheduled for July 14th in reference to the current court order.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – JUNE – GEORGE HARRISON

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. May Financials were handed out. Our annual audit will be held on June 11 and June 12.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. We had four building permits issued last month.

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. J.R. needs to complete his OMA Training and Rob needs to complete his FOIA training. That will catch us up for the year.

Ordinance Committee: Chairman. Working on ordinance that covers excessive noise. We are wanting to add times to the ordinance.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: J.R. Dunlap, Chairman. We are going to get started on the sidewalks very soon.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

Other business:

Mayor Schofield said we will have some action on the Revolving Loan Account next week.

J.R. presented a bid for repairs on the sidewalk at the AMVETS.

With no further business to discuss, Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK