

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 4, 2016

SWEARING IN CEREMONY – MARY MICHAEL

Palestine Board of Trustees met on August 4, 2016, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Rob Byrley, Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, J.R. Dunlap and Mary Michael.

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

Visitors present: Frances Murphy, Greg Bilbrey, Robinson Daily News Editor, and Chris DeWitt (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 July 7, 2016, were accepted with change.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Discussion – Condemnation of Ramsey Properties-Title Work. Frank still working on condemnation but we did get the title work. It may still be a few weeks before we get the condemnation. The Eagles have asked if we could do anything about the infestations on the property but we cannot do anything until it is officially condemned.

2) Discussion – Main Street Cruise-in / Fish Fry – August 19th. A reminder for everyone to come out for good food and fun and the proceeds go to the lighting of the park.

3) 307 W. Market St. – Waiting to hear from Crawford county Trustees re: Tax Deed. Waiting to see what the amount is to buy it for taxes.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Palestine Labor Day Parade – does the Village want to have a parade entry this year?
The consensus was that the Trustees did not want to have an entry.

2) Planning ahead – Discussion: Will we be having the Main Street Halloween Gathering in October this year? It was so well attended 2 years ago. When should we plan for it and what night would be better for us? (See enclosed calendar). The consensus was that we go ahead and have a “Trunk or Treat” on Main Street this year on Monday 10/31/16 from 5:00 PM – 8:00 PM. The Village will provide hot dogs and drinks and J.R. said he would provide popcorn.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. The storm sewer expansion, at Mont Eagle Mills, has been completed by their engineer and contractor.

The new Chevy bed was installed and put back into service. The bed is slightly larger and heavier than the old one, so to counteract the hard fall of the bed on descent an in-line regulator installed.

The Chip and seal project was completed. They load the oil and rock according to the money budgeted for each category. By the end of the job, they still had 23% product left over so they were able to coat some areas a second time. They even had enough to coat Porter Street from N. Rush to N. Pike.

Striping and curb painting begins Monday.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. Chief Besing was absent at the Council Meeting because he and Officer Carpenter were participating in the annual “National Night Out” at the Robinson City Park. It is a community relations event to build positive relations between emergency services and the public.

Mayor Schofield handed out his Departmental Statistics for the month of July.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – AUGUST – GENE PURCELL

FYI: REMINDER: Freedom of Information Updates- By March 1, 2016

FYI: MEDIACOM NOTICE – Effective 9/1/16 - DTA charge increase \$1.00/mo.

FYI: FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULE – FALL: Fall October 19th – 21st.

FYI: NEW Trustee Volunteer Schedule for Pioneer Room/Community Facility

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Distributed the Financial Reports for June and July. The Trustee were given a FY 2017 Budget Summary (March thru July) for their review.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. One permit was issued to McNair’s Hardware and Flooring to replace the awning.

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. Been working on sidewalks. Waiting on Dave to get caught up.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman.

Tim McDaniel made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:35 PM for the purpose of: 2(c) (3) J.R. seconded motion. Motion carried.

Returned to General Session at 6:50 PM. Board did not take any action.

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

PRESIDENT

CLERK