

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

August 3, 2017

Palestine Board of Trustees met on August 3, 2017, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Tim McDaniel, George Harrison, J.R. Dunlap, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery and Gene Purcell.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Kathy Clark, DPW Supervisor, and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Mark Wiseman, Jodi Decker, Marcus Deckard, Patricia Schofield, Jim Clark and Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rob Byrley

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

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of July 6, 2017, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) UPDATE: Discussion of Swimming Pool Ordinance.

The Ordinance, as it is written, requires a fence to be installed around any in ground pool, or above ground swimming pool 24" or higher. Our attorney told Mayor Rob that he believes the Village would not have any liability if the property owner did not have a fence around their above ground pool. The Trustees are inclined to have the ordinance amended to give the owners of above ground pools the responsibility to have or not have a fence around the pool. If they choose not to have a fence around the pool we are considering having a "release of liability" type form prepared to be signed by the owner. Gene Purcell made a motion that the Mayor have our attorney prepare a "release of liability" or "hold harmless" form that we would require the pool owner to sign and have notarized. The motion was seconded by Tim McDaniel. Motion carried unanimously.

2) UPDATE: Committee Report: "Call-in pay". The Committee met on July 6th immediately following the Board Meeting. The consensus that Kathy, as Superintendent, would determine if she would take care of a call in or call on Tom and/or Jack to take the call in. In some instances, it might require all of them to do the job. Scheduled over-time is NOT subject to call-in pay.

J.R. made a motion that in the event a DPW employee is called-in to work, they will receive a 2 hour call in pay. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) UPDATE: Condemnation Proceedings. Mr. Matteson has been going in/out of his building so we are in hopes that something is being done due to the 'pounding' noises coming from inside. Nothing has been done with the back wall at this time. Next court date is Sept. 19 at 9:00 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Discussion and approval of Ordinance to Amend Chapter 12A of the Village of Palestine Code: Cannabis and Synthetic Alternative Drugs. Chief Besing has submitted a request to have our synthetic ordinances and cannabis/drug paraphernalia combined into one specific ordinance. The laws have changed pertaining to these two ordinances so police departments are combining their ordinances. Gene Purcell made a motion that we amend Chapter 12A of the Palestine Village Code to combine the

two ordinances into one to cover cannabis and synthetic alternative drugs. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion of the possibility of purchasing an electronic speed sign. The consensus of the Trustees was that they liked the idea of a speed sign. The sign could show up to three messages, ie, speed, time & temperature, etc. We could place it toward the high school. They would like it to be portable in order that it could be placed in different areas in the Village. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that Pat pursue a grant to help with the purchase for the sign. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent.

Mt. Carmel Stabilization completed chip and seal to most of the projected sites and Kathy feels the chip and seal streets are in very good shape. Main Street and W. Grand Prairie, at some point, will have to be addressed for resurfacing.

The Welcome sign area has been landscaped. Part of the donation, made by the Village, was used to purchase white rock for the approaches to access the sign. Kathy also installed a NO Parking sign.

We had some minor damages from a tractor/trailer on Vincennes & S. Jackson intersection to signage and a barricade. The claim has been turned over to KLLM's Claim Department.

The annual street marking and curb outlets has started.

The barn roof has been completed.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

Prior to our meeting, Chief Besing went over and participated in the National Night Out for Law Enforcement.

Jeff distributed copies of the Departmental Statistics for July.

We were granted possession of the truck that was seized in a DUI case. It is a 2000 Dodge Ram 4x4 truck with approx. 154,000 miles on it and is in pretty rough condition. Chief Besing has applied for title and when received, we can start the bidding process.

They have been writing a lot of speeding tickets on W. LaMotte Street due to complaints from neighbors in that area. Although the speed limit is 25 mph, the highest speed clocked has been 52 mph and the average is 41-44 mph. The high traffic flow is due to the bridge closure.

Jeff will be meeting with the Sheriff's Department Auxiliary soon for preparation of our Labor Day celebration.

PIIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – AUGUST – GENE PURCELL

FYI: REMINDER: Freedom of Information – due 90 days from election (July 4, 2017)

FYI: FALL CLEANUP SCHEDULES: Oct. 18, 19, & 20, 2017

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. July financial reports were given to Trustees. Carol Holbert was here on July 27th and 28th conducting our annual audit for FY 2016-2017. She hopes to have it completed and address the Board at our October meeting.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Gene said he had one

building permit this past month.

Employee Relations Committee: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Everyone is in compliance for 2017.

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. Waiting for Dave to be available. May be 30 days or more.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman.

Other Business:

Mark Wiseman and Jodi Decker addressed the Board concerning their hopes of purchasing a building on Main Street in order to establish a Craft/Micro-Brewery. They presented their business plan to the Trustees. The micro-brewery would be a 'family friendly' atmosphere with a 'pioneer theme'. In time they would like to manufacture/distribute their own brew among many other goals. At this time, they are requesting approval for a micro-brewery and a liquor license. Since this was not on the agenda, the request could not be voted on. Mayor Byrley scheduled a Special Board Meeting for August 9th at 5:00 PM to discuss and/or approve this request.

Pat is going to start working on a grant for a new mosquito sprayer for the Village.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK