

MINUTES
PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 1, 2016

Palestine Board of Trustees met on September 1, 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: Police Chief Jeff Basing, Kathy Clark, DPW Supervisor, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Greg Bilbrey, Tom Osborne, Chris DeWitt, Frances Murphy, Kyle Inboden, Brian Nethery, and Alex Pleasant.

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 August 4, 2016, were accepted as presented.

OPENING OF BIDS

RHINO SIDE-ARM MOWER: \$2,845 by Brad Gurley; \$2,650 by Don Knoblett.

17.73 ACRES TRACT OF LAND – OLD CITY DUMP: \$25,010 by Chris & Wayne Guyer; \$20,200 by Kyle Indoben; \$10,000 by Ron ‘Doc’ Fuller; \$7,500 by J.D. Sharett; \$11,075 by Shane Wilbur.

J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we accept the bid from Brad Gurley for the mower in the amount of \$2,845, and accept the bid from Chris & Wayne Guyer for the land in the amount of \$25,010. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Discussion – Updated Condemnation of Ramsey Properties. This has been taken care of and recorded. We had Special Board Meetings on August 8 and August 22. We approved the ordinances in order to pursue the condemnations. We can now start with the clean-up. We will probably have to go to court to follow up on the condemnation proceedings.

2) Main Street Halloween Trunk or Treat Gathering and Trick or Treat – October 31, 2016 – 5:00 – 8:00 PM. Work Schedules for trustees. Mayor Schofield, J.R., Rob, Mary, Shirley and Margaret have volunteered to work that evening. We welcome anyone else who would like to help.

3) 307 W. Market St. – Update. The property has been posted. We need to get in touch with Crawford County Trustee to finalize the purchase.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Bridge update from Justin Childress, County engineer – the construction should be underway around the 3rd week of September. Once they begin, it should only take a week to complete.

2) Official Approval of one-time variance for alley ordinance – Pioneer Meat Market. Mayor Schofield conducted a phone poll on August 16th for the variance and received unanimous approval. Gene Purcell moved that we formally approve the one-time variance for the alley Ordinance. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Village-wide Fall Clean-up – Tentatively scheduled – October 19-21, 2016. The clean-up is for paid up customers only.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. DPW have been working hard to get everything ready for Labor Day Weekend.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing. Chief Besing handed out his Dept. Statistics for August.

The National Night Out that Chief Besing and Patrolman Brandon Carpenter participated in on August 4th was very successful.

Chief has been busy trying to get the residents to keep their yards mowed. It has been very costly in postage, and time consuming typing the reminder letters. So next year, there won't be any reminders, only ordinance citations issued unless special circumstances exists.

PIONEER ROOM/MAIN STREET PARK – SEPTEMBER – J.R. DUNLAP

FYI: REMINDER: New Trustee Volunteer Schedule for Pioneer Room/Community Facility.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Gave the Trustees an overview of where our State Revenue comes from, i.e., Income Tax, Sales Tax, Personal Property Replacement Tax, Local Use Tax and Video Gaming Tax.

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

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. We should be able to work more on sidewalks in about a month. We are waiting on Dave.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman. We are waiting for a formal quote from Matt Kline for the roof on the barn.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Schofield received an e-mail from the School of Medicine, SIU, giving us an update. They

still have not received a full report and as soon as they do, they will be down to share that with us. There will be no individual results, just our community as a whole and how we compare to other communities.

Mayor Schofield and Gene Purcell recently visited the Crawford County Solid Waste Recycling Center. They told her that “Palestine was the worst community in the county in terms of abusing recycling totes”. She was very embarrassed and disappointed to hear that. Some people are putting ‘trash’ in the recycling totes, including items such as dirty diapers and animal waste. Employees at the recycling center have to go through all of that and if it is not acceptable it has to be separated and sent somewhere else for disposal. CCSW will work on a detailed list for us to distribute and put on our web-site for more clarity. We all have to be more diligent in our recycling.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:35 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK