

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

September 3, 2015

Palestine Board of Trustees met on September 3, 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: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, Shirley Adams, Village Clerk, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent, Tom Herlocher, Sr. and Jack Murphy, DPW.

Visitors present: Lloyd Dunlap 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 August 6, 2015, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Matteson Property update – 205 N. Rush St. Gene Purcell spoke with Mr. Matteson offering him a proposal that the Village would get his property cleaned up and then put a lien on his property for the cost of the clean-up. He told Gene he absolutely did not want anyone on his property and said he would take care of it himself.

2) YICAN Property update. This will be discussed in the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Revisit Golf Cart Ordinance – Age limit, Size of Golf Cart (height, etc.) After discussing the issues, it was the consensus of the Trustees that anyone with a valid driver's license could operate a golf cart/neighborhood vehicle in the Village. Also, they felt that any licensed driver should be allowed to operate a golf cart/neighborhood vehicle with permission of the owner. Another change was that a 6" lift be allowed. Ricky Stork made a motion that we approve the changes specified above. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously. Mayor Schofield will amend the Ordinance to reflect the changes and bring it to the Board in October for a formal vote.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent. The DPW crew have been working hard to get ready for Labor Day weekend.

REPORT: Chief of Police, Jeffrey Besing.

All the security staffing is in place for Labor Day weekend and are coordinated with the Chamber and Leaverton Park personnel.

The Police Dept. has seized a total of four vehicles since November of last year. Our most recent one was related to a drug arrest. The Monte Carlo was sold for \$2100.00. The latest two seizures are going through the court process and then the first one will be eligible to be sold December 1st.

With the anticipation of selling the Dodge Nitro, the proceeds from that vehicle as well as the sale of the Monte Carlo, the USDA grant money and other donations and grants, will result in the out of budget expense for the new 2016 squad car (which had a price tag of \$36,379) will be approximately \$3500.00.

Chief said it is his goal to utilize the proceeds from the other sized vehicles sold to be placed in an account to build on in order to replace the 2009 Ford Crown Vic squad car (64,000 miles currently) in a year or so with also obtaining possible grants.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. August financials were handed out. For two months we have not received revenue from the Video Gaming Tax and when I called to ask about it, I was told that the money was there but could not be distributed yet because the budget had not been passed.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Three building permits have been approved this month, one for a fence and two for garages.

Employee Relations Committee: Patricia Schofield, Chairman. The Village has hired Steven Duffield as a part-time employee.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Rob Byrley, Chairman. The DPW will try to get to the AmVets sidewalk after Labor Day. Still waiting on a bid for chip and seal.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Ricky Stork, Chairman.

At 6:50 PM, a motion to go into Executive Session was made by Gene Purcell and seconded by Tim McDaniel for the purpose of 2(C)(11) and 2(C)(1). Motion carried unanimously.

Returned to Regular Session at 7:40 PM. YICAN Property Foreclosure and Prairie Engineering was discussed during the Executive Session.

J.R. made a motion that the Village approve to notify our attorney to draw up a release of mortgage on the YICAN Property foreclosure. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Village still owes Prairie Engineering around \$14,000. J.R. Dunlap made a motion that we approach Prairie Engineers with a proposal that if they would accept \$10,000 in full we would see to it that it was paid within the next 30 days. Ricky Stork seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:

IMRF has endorsed a new, optional Long-Term Care Insurance program for IMRF members and retirees. The Village will incur no cost. If we opt in, the members will be contacted individually. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the Village to opt-in to the program. George Harrison seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK