

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 4, 2012

The Palestine Board of Trustees met on October 4, 2012, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, Larry Miller, Larry Surrells, and J.D. Kiimberlin. Greta Dennison was absent.

Other Staff Members present: Police Chief Jim Clark, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk and Shirley Adams, Village Clerk.

Visitors present: Don York, Mario & Mandy Bantican, Jeff Shaner, Jodi Truitt, Bill Snyder, Harold Lankston, Ms. Schifler, Carl McNair, Mike Elder, Josh McNair, Luke McNair, Linda Eller, Van Earlywine, Bob Taylor, Chris Forde (WTYE) and Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News).

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 September 6, 2012, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update of Matteson property-205 S. Rush St. Case Management meeting was held last week. We've not heard from our attorney for the outcome.

2) Llama's request to be open for Sunday Sales: 12:00 noon to 6:00 PM. Mario and Don asked the Board to reconsider their request to serve alcohol on Sundays. Mario asked that we give Llama's the same opportunities that have been given to other businesses in Palestine. Several people were attendance in support of this request. Larry Miller made a motion to give Llama's a license to sell alcohol from noon to 6:00 PM on Sundays for the sports bar. J.R. Dunlap seconded motion. Larry Miller, J.D. Kimberlin and J.R. Dunlap voted in favor of the motion. Gene Purcell and Larry Surrells voted against the motion. Motion carried.

3) Notice of Change and Reminder: Village-wide fall clean-up. Due to Republic's scheduling, the fall clean-up is now scheduled for Wednesday, October 17th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Kemper CPA Group – Audit Report for FY 2011-2012. Jodi Truitt presented the Board with the Fiscal Year 2012 Audit Report. She discussed some minor findings but overall felt that the audit went well, with no major problems noted.

2) Halloween Trick or Treat-Suggested date: Wednesday, October 31 – Time: 6 PM to 8PM. Residents must have lights on.

POLICE REPORT: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. There have been a lot of ordinance violations recently.

PIONEER ROOM – October – Gene Purcell

FYI: Copy of Ordinance No. 2012-O-14 is attached for your file.

FYI: MUTCD specifications regarding ALL street signs in the Village: Requirements: State approved Retro-reflectivity for Stop, Yield, Street, etc. signs. We have until January 2012 to establish and implement a sign assessment (done) which will include the number of each type of sign that must be replaced. Ground-mounted signs must be completed by January 15, 2014. All overhead guide signs such as street name signs must be completed by January 2018. Kathy and Jim Clark have counted signs that will be needed for the Village. This is a non-funded mandate. Mayor Schofield is working on a getting a grant for this project.

FYI: Good Energy meeting with Jerod McMorris - Tuesday, October 2nd, 2012.

FYI: Personnel Committee – Tentative meeting scheduled with John Emory – October 18, 2012 at 6:00 PM.

FYI: We received notice yesterday, by phone, from Dollar General saying the contract has been withdrawn and Gleason's has been terminated due to soil contamination. They will not be pursuing anything at that site.

Other Business:

Bill Snyder asked why the bench in front of the Village Inn had been taken away. It was explained that no one was taking care of the bench; it was dirty with bird droppings and cigarette butts were strewn around it. The bench also needs repaired as there is no end on one side. The DPW has cleaned it in the past but it is not their responsibility. After further discussion, the Board agreed that it could be returned if the repairs were made and if it was kept clean.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. Financial reports were given to Trustees. Our second distribution from property taxes was received in the amount of \$64,223.99.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Larry Miller, Chairman. A building permit for a fence was issued today.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Plan to get started on repairs soon.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Renewed contract with Vandevanter Engineering.

J.D. Kimberlin moved to go into Executive Session regarding **2(C)(11)** at 6:49 PM.

The regular session resumed at 7:05 PM. The Board did not take any action or

recommend any action.

With no further business to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Larry Surrells. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 PM.

MAYOR

CLERK

