

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 1, 2010

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 1, 2010, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Larry Miller, J.D. Kimberlin, Larry Surrells, and J.R. Dunlap.

Chief Jim Clark and Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, were also present.

Visitors present: Susie Hancock, Steve Stork, Bob Taylor, and Tom Osborne from the Robinson Daily News.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield.

Minutes taken by Village Clerk, Shirley Adams.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

USDA WILDLIFE-Nuisance Removal Service. Renewal of Contract Completed.

Mayor Schofield received the renewal contract from James just today. It needs to be signed and a check prepared and he will come back in and pick it up. He said they would continue to take care of us in the interim while the contract is signed by the USDA and sent back to us.

Condemnation Proceedings-312 E. Franklin St.

Our attorney is working on this but needs more information from the heirs, as it still has a lien on the property. We should know more by the next board meeting. The family wants the house torn down but wants the property back.

Amendment to Golf Cart Ordinance

Discussion was held over the proposal to amend the Golf Cart Ordinance to include neighborhood vehicles. There were many concerns voiced and Chief Jim Clark submitted a letter to the Board of Trustees addressing some of these concerns.

One concern was safety. Many of the UTV's have the capability of speeds up to 70 mph and because some individuals may not abide by the rules and try and get by with whatever speed they can, this could create a safety issue, especially since we

do not have 24 hour police protection in Palestine.

Another concern is that there could be a potential of damage to our roads due to the way some of these UTVs are manufactured. Also, the UTV tires are developed for off road use only and could cause the UTV to tip over while cornering. This could possibly cause bodily injury to the individual(s) on the UTV.

Some issues of the wording in the Golf Cart Ordinance itself were brought up by Larry Miller. It is felt some clarification of some of the language is needed. Larry Miller made a motion to table the Amendment to the Golf Cart Ordinance in regard to the Neighborhood Vehicles, with the understanding that when we bring it back, the Amendment be kept separate. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

FOIA – Completion of Training

All the FOIA training for 2010 has been completed and Certificates are in the file.

Request for more Handicapped parking in front of the Village Inn

Susie Hancock was present to request additional handicap parking in front of the Village Inn. There is only one handicap space at present. Everyone agreed that more handicap accessible parking is needed. Larry Miller suggested an additional one be added on the 200 block of Main Street at some time. Larry Surrells made a motion to place two handicap spaces accessible to the Village Inn, one beside the handicap space that already exists and a third one placed where Larry and Jim determines is the best place for it to be. Larry Miller seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Request to remove “No Parking” signs in front of former Wakefield home on South Main Street.

The new owners of the property have made this request so that they could park in front of their home. The “no parking” signs were put in place because tenants of an apartment utilized the parking instead of the home owners. There is no longer an apartment, so this is not the case anymore. Motion was made by Larry Surrells to pull the “No Parking” signs and allow parking. JR Dunlap seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Notice of Public Meeting – USDA Grant – Main Street Park

This meeting will be held on Friday, July 9th, at 6:00 pm in the Pioneer Room. This is a pet project of the State and it is required that we have a Public Hearing to show the purpose of this project. We will also be receiving a grant from Marathon, in January or February 2011, for this project. Larry Miller asked who paid for the advertisements for the Main Street Park. It is paid from the grant.

Police Report: Chief of Police, Jim Clark

Reported a couple of swimming pools were damaged last month, one quite severely.

Pioneer Room – July 2010 – Larry Miller.

Committee Reports:

Budget & Financial Committee: Shirley Adams

The reports will be submitted at the August Board Meeting as information to prepare these reports was not available in time for this meeting.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman

Larry Miller commented that he is working on the RV issue. Also, he and Larry Surrells will be working together to update the Building Ordinance.

Employee Relations Committee: Greta Dennison, Chairman

Greta applauded the DPW staff and some residents for their hard work getting damages cleaned up from all the storms we have had recently. Larry Surrells wanted to recognize Steve Mitchell for his help also. He put in his time and use of his equipment and did not bill the Village.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman

Work had to be done on some lift stations.

Other Business:

Steve Stork and Bob Taylor were present representing the AMVETS, Post 33. The AMVETS is requesting a Liquor License. Jim Clark has submitted a letter to Mayor Schofield giving his approval. Pat will send them a letter giving them a Private Club Liquor License, but there will be probationary period of six months where they will be monitored to make sure all rules and regulations are being followed.

Bog Taylor thanked the Board on behalf the AMVETS for allowing them to obtain a liquor license.

Susie Hancock also thanked the Board for passing the motion to add additional handicap parking spaces.

It was brought up that the railroad tracks by the elevator were in poor condition. Jim Clark has been assured that the railroad company is aware of this and is looking into it.

Greta Dennison moved to go into Executive Session. JR Dunlap seconded motion.

The regular session of the Board Meeting resumed at 7:25 PM.

Item 1 of the Executive Session was to get permission of the Board to sign an \$8,000 note from the Chamber of Commerce. Motion was made by Larry Surrells to enter into a note with the Chamber of Commerce for \$8,000, payable in five years, at 3% interest, with a minimum monthly payment of \$150.00. JR Dunlap seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Item 2 was to discuss the possibility of annexing 2 Ralf's into the Village. Larry Surrells moved to accept the opportunity to annex 2 Ralf's in its entirety and approach the Carter's with annexation at the same time to save on legal fees. JD Kimberlin seconded motion. Roll call was given and motion passed unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Gene Purcell moved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

President

Clerk

