

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 6, 2022

Palestine Board of Trustees met on October 6, 2022. Trustees answering roll call were J.R. Dunlap, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery, Gene Purcell and Twilla Davis.

Staff Members present: Stacey Myers, Rita Carmouche, Luke McNair and Chief Besing.

Visitors present were Jamie Tull, Carol Holbert and Kathy Clark.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Byrley.

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

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of September 2022 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Old Business. Bridge Update- Work has begun and is almost completed.

2) Update-Zoning- Mayor Rob contacted Village attorney Frank Weber regarding zoning in the Village of Palestine. It was advised that unless we have a surplus of business growth in the Village, it would be very costly and it not really needed.

3) Official Approval of the Village's Participation in the housing Study contracted by the City of Robinson. The Village Participation cost is \$2,026.52. Gene Purcell made a motion to approve the Village of Palestine's participation in the housing study. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

1) Carol Holbert-Presentation of the Village's FY 2021-2022 Audit. Carol passed out the FY 2021-2022 financial findings to the Trustee's. The Village of Palestine was given a good report for the FY year. Carol was happy with all findings and the manner that the Village conducts financials.

2) Carol Holbert-Discussion and Approval of Proposed Contract with Holbert & Phipps, LLP. Tim McDaniel made a motion to approve a three year contract with Holbert & Phipps, LLP. Brian Nethery seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Approval of putting a Rail in Front of The Little Cookie Shop.-Jamie Tull. Jamie Tull owner of The Little Cookie Shop was present and addressed the board regarding the need of a railing for the steps in front of her business shop. There are three steps up from Main Street and she is located in the middle of the block. She stated that her elderly and impaired customers have to walk to the end of the block to use the ramp because there is no railing. She is asking to install a ramp at the cost of the Cookie Shop for safer access to her store. Stacey Myers informed Jamie that the instalment would have to be by a licensed and insured company. Jamie agreed. Brian Nethery made a motion to approve the instalment of a railing in front of The Little Cookie Shop. Mary Michael seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval-Removing Shirley Adams, Patricia Scholfield and Kathy Clark from all Bank Accounts due to their Retirement. In Addition Approving Rita Carmouche to be added to all Bank Accounts, Including ARPA Account. Gene Purcell made a motion to make the necessary changes to the Village of Palestine banking accounts. Tim McDaniel seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval-Halloween-Set a Date and Time for Trick or Treat in the Village.

Discussion was that the Trick or Treat and the Truck & Treat will be Monday October 31, 2022, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm. The Village of Palestine and the Palestine Police Department will be on Main Street at the Community Facility with popcorn, hotdogs, chips, juice boxes and candy to hand out. Brian Nethery made a motion to approve the Halloween date and time for the Village of Palestine Trick or treat and the Trunk & Treat for Monday October 31, 2022, 5:00pm to 8:00pm. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion-time Capsule-Gene Purcell. It was made aware that the second time capsule was ready to be buried.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair. The DPW has been busy with repair on equipment and vehicles. In addition, there are dry wells around the Village that need to be cleaned out and Robinson has a machine that can do this service for \$400.00 an hour. The work should only take roughly one hour to complete. It was general concesses to have this service done by The City of Robinson. Further, the Lagoon needs to be mowed again before winter. It also was general concesses to have this done to have a good start to next year with the mowing and upkeep of the Lagoon.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Besing stated that 2022 Wine and Arts Festival was a great success with only one alcohol related issue which resulted in a male subject being issued an ordinance citation for urinating on the south wall of Village Hall. He relayed that the crowd was in general very well behaved and had numerous compliments about our community. Jake and Chief Besing have also been busy writing ordinance citations regarding tall grasses. In addition, Chief Besing stated that he has been in contact with a street sweeper company to possibly have this contracted out and sell our current non-working street sweeper. The street sweeper the Village currently has is in non-working order most of the time and in turn costing the Village money to repair constantly.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY –October 2022 – Mary Michael

FYI: Fall Clean-up is October 18th, for paid up customers only.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Stacey Myers, Chairman. Financials were handed out.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. One building permit was issued.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Stacey Myers, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee: Stacey Myers

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. All MFT money has been spent and waiting on Dave Maxwell to finish the sidewalk replacements for this year.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman. Stated that the new pump has been installed at the Lagoon. Brian has also asked Connor and Connor to rework the proposal for the sewer

improvement grant.

At 6:07pm, J.R. Dunlap made a motion to go into Executive Session for the following: 2 (C) (1). Twilla Davis seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

At 6:47pm Tim McDaniel made a motion to return to Regular Session. J.R. Dunlap seconded.

With no further business to discuss, Tim McDaniel made a motion to adjourn. J.R. Dunlap seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:49pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK