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PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
JULY 11, 2019

Palestine Board of Trustees met on July 11, 2019, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Brian Nethery and J.R. Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Police Chief Jeff Besing, Shirley Adams, Village Clerk, Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk, Kathy Clark, DPW Superintendent and Patricia Schofield, Consultant to Mayor.

Visitors present: Tom Osborne (Robinson Daily News), Michael Fulling and Angie Wilson.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rob Byrley

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

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of June 6, 2019, was accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:
1) Bridge repair/replacement on South Main Street. At this point, we are waiting on legal work.

NEW BUSINESS:
1) Discussion and approval of RESOLUTION for transfer funds. Gene Purcell moved to approve the Resolution for Transfer of Funds. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion passed unanimously. Resolution No. 2019-R-01.

2) Harry Gene Purcell, Fire Chief, Address Board regarding parking in alley, east of Community Facility - re: Fire Dept. request. Gene asked if 'no parking' signs could be put up. They need a clear exit when a fire call comes in. J.R. Dunlap moved that we allow 'no parking' signs to be put up. Brian Nethery seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and approval of Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2004-O-03, Palestine Village Code to Amend Chapter 43, Tobacco. The ordinance is being amended to reflect a new law that has been implemented. J.R. Dunlap moved that we approve the amended Ordinance No. 2019-O-02. Gene Purcell seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion of request from Gatter Brewing to change licensure. They are wanting to sell wine in addition to their beer. Some Trustees felt that they should stick to brewing & selling beer and others felt that selling wine would be fine. After more discussion, J.R. Dunlap moved that we would approve them including wine. Brian Nethery seconded motion. There was a tie, Gene Purcell, J.R. Dunlap, and Brian Nethery voted yea. Mary Michael, Tim McDaniel and Twilla Davis voted nay. Since it was a tie, Mayor Brylley had the deciding vote and he voted yea. Motion Passed.

DPW REPORT: Kathy Clark, Superintendent
Kathy said she has received the EPA Inspection Report from Oct. 2018. Everything was satisfactory. She provided the Trustees will a copy.
The DPW have raised 2 more sewer manholes frames to grade. One on N. Steele and one on South Illinois. Each had sunk 3 ½ “.

They also had a great fix on E. Harrison at S. Illinois. The tin whistle had collapsed, as had the street by at least 8°. They brought it up to meet 3 different angles. They also installed rip rap in the ditches and installed guard posts with reflectivity.

They have been and are continuing to build up roads and alleys that are to be chip and sealed.

Kathy has ordered a replacement driver-over grate, as per IDOT, for South Jackson gutter repair. She will coordinate with David Maxwell to do the job.

Kathy had Ameren Engineer, Ryan Conner, to scout the job specs for the lagoon upgrade. He has determined that we need a new pole set and electrical upgrade on the influent side. The new electrics service should be considered a short lived asset. It was installed in 1982. Mr. Connor has relayed the information to the Village Engineer, for Rural Development application.


PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – JULY – GENE PURCELL

FYI: Fall Clean-up Days – October 23, 24, and 25.

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. June’s Financial Report was handed out. Carol Holbert was here on July 9th & 10th conducting our FY 2019 audit. She hopes to have it completed before our September board meeting, so that she can present it then.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman. Gene reported two building permits were issued.

Employee Relations Committee: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

FOIA Officers: Shirley Adams, Chairman. All complete.

Ordinance Committee: Pat Schofield. It was the consensus of the Trustees to order an ordinance to re-arrange the way we deal with fines and fees re-coop the loss of the reimbursement of court costs.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Kathy getting more paint to work on painting more gutters.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: George Harrison, Chairman.

At 6:34 PM J.R. Dunlap moved that we go into Executive Session for, 2 (C) (21), Semi-Annual review of the minutes and to approve the deletion of recordings of meetings, prior to January 2018. Seconded by Mary Michael. Motion passed unanimously.

We returned to General Session at 6:42 PM. The Executive Minutes from the past six months were reviewed. They consisted of the January 3, 2019 and February 7, 2019 minutes. The consensus was to open them for public view and put them into our regular minute book. In addition, the consensus to delete the records of all minutes before January 2018, J.R. Dunlap moved that we open the Jan. 3 and
Feb 7th Executive Minutes to the public and that we delete the recording of minutes, prior to Jan. 2018. Tim McDaniel seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business:
J.R. said he was just getting started on the LED sign we discussed last month. The PDA and/or the School Board may chip in. It’s been suggested to put the sign in the high school parking lot.

Pat’s still working on what we what to do with the “welcome sign” as you are coming into Palestine from the West.

Brian Nethery said he received a complaint from a person concerned about a house that has holes in the roof.

With no further business to discuss Tim McDaniel moved to adjourn. Brian Nethery seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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PRESIDENT                   CLERK