

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 4, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on January 4, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Brian Nethery, and JR Dunlap.

Staff Members present: Rita Carmouche, Kerry Watson, Dan Cheadle, and Luke McNair.

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Carol McGahey, Mark Tull, Bill Burke, Taylor Pinkston and Scott Campbell.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Rob at 5:00pm.

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

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of December 2023 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main Street Building. Work to begin in the spring, using the Herning Grant.

New Business:

1) Carol Holbert Audit Report. Carol presented our Independent Audit Report. Carol said overall the audit went well, stating we had some growth with the assets, we are \$1.3 million overall net. Tim made a motion to approve the audit report while Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and Approval of New Village Hall Website. The former Village website has been out of service for the past 6 weeks due to the loss of the domain. Mark Tull quoted the Village with a price to design a new website and it was agreed to have Mark add on a business email. Gene made a motion to approve and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion of Enterprise Zone by Penny Shaw. Penny Shaw was unable to attend, Teresa Fielder presented in her absence. The committee has been in contact with a consultant, Moran Economic Development. Penny had a map of Palestine made at Conner and Conner so they can break it down by quadrant for a more visual approach. They are hoping to be ready to go in early spring and said they will have more information at our February board meeting. JR made a motion to discuss more at February board meeting, Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval of Logo for Police Cars. JR made a motion to remove from table status and Mary seconded. Example 3 was chosen as the logo that would be on all of our squad cars. JR made a motion to approve and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Luke McNair informed the board that the Impeller was installed and is working good. They are finished with leaves for the year. Taylor Pinkston was present.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Cheadle has been patrolling at different times of the day, some evenings

and some throughout the daytime until we can get a deputy hired. Things have seemed to calm down on the East end of town. We are meeting next Monday to review resumes for deputy.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Twilla Davis

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out.

Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance: Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman.

Employee Relations Committee: Mary Michael, Chairman.

FOIA/OMA Officers: Kerry Watson, Chairman.

Ordinance/Grant Committee:

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee: Tim McDaniel, Chairman.

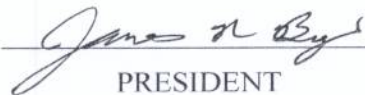
Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

Tim McDaniel made a motion to convene into Executive Session at 6:15pm and JR seconded.

Motion was made to convene back into General Session at 6:20pm by Tim.

Discussion and Approval of Executive Session Decisions. Mary made motion to approve executive session decisions and Tim seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

With no further business to discuss, Mary Michael made motion to adjourn, Brian Nethery seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:25pm.


PRESIDENT


VILLAGE CLERK