

## MINUTES

### PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 11, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on July 11, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Twilla Davis, Brian Nethery, and JR Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Carol McGahey, and Resa Shaner, Melvin Richards, George Bonham, Vicki Perkins, Gerald Chalcraft and Shannon Chalcraft.

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

The meeting began with an ~~present~~ reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The Minutes of June 2024 were accepted as presented.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

1) Update on Main St Building should be hearing something about a start date soon.

#### **New Business:**

1) George Bonham to Speak on the American Flag being displayed on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor began by stating the display of the American Flag on RT 33 is done by the local AmVets Club. George said the flag should be flown on July 4<sup>th</sup>. He also said if any monetary donations were needed he would write a check and is also willing to volunteer to help. He was asking for a solution, for this to not happen again. We advised him to speak to the AmVets and that if they needed help from us, we would help.

2) Official Approval of Phone Poll on 6-10-24 regarding hiring of Codification Company to update Ordinances/Codes.

Gene made a motion and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Official Approval of Phone Poll on 6-10-24 regarding Bidding on Former Firehouse.

Brian made motion and Mary seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval of 2 Year Contract with Taylor Pinkston

In the past we have just signed a 1 year contract, but a 2 year contract will make things easier, for dealing with the EPA. JR made a motion and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

5) Discussion and Approval of Issuing Liquor License for Beer Tent during Labor Day Festivities on August 29<sup>th</sup> through September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.

Mary made a motion and Gene seconded it. Motion carried unanimously.

6) Discussion and Approval of Contract with Conxxus

Our contract with Frontier will expire on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Motion made by Brian and Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

7) Discussion and Approval of an Ordinance for the Establishment of an Enterprise Zone in the Village of Palestine.

Mary made a motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8) Discussion and Approval of Purchase of Sewer Meter for Testing Sewer System (Taylor Pinkston)

This is to measure the PH and Dissolve Oxygen that gets reported to the EPA monthly. JR made a motion and Gene seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**DPW REPORT:** Luke was absent, but Taylor Pinkston was present. Taylor said everything at the Lagoon is going well and they are looking forward to getting new Meter Tester.

**POLICE REPORT:** Chief Cheadle reported the month's citations. Chief handed out police report.

**PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – JR Dunlap**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

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

**Bldg Regulations, Permits, Maintenance:** Harry Gene Purcell, Chairman, we had 3 permits.

**Employee Relations Committee:** Mary Michael, Chairman.

**FOIA/OMA Officers:** Kerry Watson, Chairman.

**Ordinance/Grant Committee:**

**Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys Committee:** Tim McDaniel, Chairman. Spoke with Dave Maxwell about starting sidewalks.

**Sewer/Lagoon Committee:** Brian Nethery, Chairman.

At 5:21pm Brian made a motion to convene into Executive Session under Section 1(C)(21) for approval of executive minutes and JR seconded.

Regular Session resumed at 5:24pm. Gene Purcell made a motion the Executive Minutes from the past 6 months be approved to be put in our regular minute book. Brian Nethery Seconded.

**In Addition:** JR asked if Erick Erickson had given us any updates on the dispensary, no new updates have been reported. JR also would like the purchase of a heated power washer added to next month's agenda.

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, JR seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:33pm.

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PRESIDENT

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VILLAGE CLERK