

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

October 3, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on October 3, 2024. Trustees answering roll call were Gene Purcell, Twilla Davis, Tim McDaniel, Mary Michael, Brian Nethery, and JR Dunlap.

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

Visitors present: Teresa Fielder, Resa Shaner, Tammy Venatta, and Jeri Woosley

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 September 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building- Kerry emailed to get timeline for work to start and Seward Masonry did not respond.

New Business:

1) Official Approval of Phone Poll done on September 6, 2024. Phone Poll was taken on September 6, 2024 to approve and begin Sewer Expansion at the manhole located at the alley between East and West Fort Drive, to the East corner lot on East Fort Drive. The estimate from B&T Drainage is \$20,100 and the estimate from the Engineer, Connor & Connor is \$1000. Gene made a motion and JR seconded motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2) Discussion and Approval of Donating to Paws for Prevention. \$1500 was donated previously. Mary made a motion, Twilla seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3) Discussion and Approval for Trunk or Treat on Main Street and Trick or Treat Hours for Halloween. Previously the hours have been 5pm to 8pm on October 31st. JR made a motion, Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) A Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Public Real Estate, DPW Barn (205 North Pike Street). NO ACTION, WAITING ON TITLE WORK TO BE COMPLETED

5) Discussion and Approval of Amending Chapter 21, Section 16, Temporary Living Quarters in the Village of Palestine. Gene removed it from the table, Tim seconded it. Board members are concerned that the 20 days will be hard to keep track of. Teresa Fielder suggested looking at the Supreme Court ruling that has put out information to help us decide. The board decided to try to come up with ideas on this prior to our next board meeting. Tabled by Gene and seconded by Tim.

6) Discussion and Approval of a Resolution/Ordinance to obtain funds for the upcoming Sewer Expansion on Fort Drive. Gene made motion and Mary seconded. Motion was carried unanimously by the board.

7) Discussion and Approval to begin clean-up at Ervin's Property. Mitchell has looked at the property and thought he could do a lot of work in 1 day. He gave a quote of approx. \$1000 + the cost of a dumpster. Mary is concerned about where the funds will come from. The board is not prepared to make this decision yet. JR Made a motion to discuss, Twilla seconded. After some discussion Gene tabled and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Things are going good. They are moving stuff to the new shop and building shelving for the shop. Chip and Seal this year was bad, their equipment malfunctioned and dumped too much gravel on the streets. DPW has scooped 6 tons by hand to remove some of the gravel from the street. Luke asked for permission to replace the only 2 yield signs in town to STOP signs, that was agreed upon.

POLICE REPORT: Rodeo was good. Jake did active shooter at the schools the month of September. Officers are walking through the schools for a little extra security. Officers are being proactive regarding the places that need cleaned up around town. Next step Chief says is the inoperable vehicles around town. We were awarded the grant for the Tasers. Dan is working on the Mary Heath Grant now. Update on the squad car, it should be here in 30-45 days.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Mary Michael

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out. We were awarded the Hering Grant in the amount of \$17,250 for the next phase of the Matteson building.

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. Dave Maxwell has finished up the sidewalks, we went a little over budget but not much.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman.

In Addition: JR would love to see Main Street paved but knows it's very expensive. Spring cleanup is October 15th.

With no further business to discuss, Tim made motion to adjourn, Gene seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 6:39 pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK