

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 5, 2024

Palestine Board of Trustees met on December 5, 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: Resa Shaner, Carol McGahey, Jacie Bradbury, Brandi Benton, Terri Myers, Tina Blair, Kim Decker, Bill Burke, Adam McReynolds, Ed Brannon, Bill Rutan and Steve McGahey

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 November 2024 were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Update on Main St Building

New Business:

1) Opening Bids for DPW Building at 205 N Pike Street. Mayor Rob opened bids in the order in which they were received. The first bid was from RMC Appraisals in the amount of \$45,010, the second bid was from Roselean Peach in the amount of \$55,000, the third and final bid was from Bob Crocker in the amount of \$49,000.

2) Discussion Concerning Animal Control Fee's. Kim Decker, Animal Control Chairman, spoke encouraging us to join in an Intergovernmental Agreement with Crawford County Animal Control. Bill Burke said they would be willing to negotiate any terms pertaining to the contract. Animal Control picked up 14 dogs this year between January and August. This will be put on the agenda for January for a vote.

3) Official Approval of Tax Levy Phone Poll. Mary made the motion and Tim seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

4) Discussion and Approval of paying the remaining balance for Axon body cameras for PD. After Mary Heath Grant, Claypool Grant, and a discount from Axon, we will only owe \$1350. Dan will order the cameras and they should arrive around December 20th. JR made motion and Brian seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

DPW REPORT: Things are going good. They continue moving from the DPW barn to the new location. Leaf Vac ran 39.5 hours and they are done for the season with it.

POLICE REPORT: The Police Department received the Claypool Grant, Mary Heath Grant, and a discount of \$2,500 from Axon. Dan will get the cameras ordered and we should have them around December 20th.

PIONEER ROOM/COMMUNITY FACILITY – Gene Purcell

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Budget and Finance Committee: Kerry Watson, Chairman. Financials were handed out. Carol didn't have the audit complete, so she was unable to attend this meeting but will be put on January agenda.

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.

Sewer/Lagoon Committee: Brian Nethery, Chairman. The sewer expansion is complete on the East end of town at Fort Drive. Brian thinks we should consider sending out a consensus to see how many residents on the West end of town (old Oklahoma addition) would be interested in being annexed into the Village since we have had a couple residents ask about being annexed.

With no further business to discuss, Mary made motion to adjourn, Tim seconded the motion. Meeting ended at 5:48 pm.

PRESIDENT

VILLAGE CLERK