



# MINUTES

## Town of New Palestine

### Town Council

Wednesday, September 20, 2023  
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, September 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Vice President Brandee Bastin, Council Secretary Bill Niemier, Council Member Angela Fahrnow, and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas  
Police Chief Robert Ehle, Street Commissioner Stephen Pool, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Greiner

**ABSENT:** Council President Clint Bledsoe and Council Member Chris Lytle  
Town Manager James Robinson

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Pledge of Allegiance
- 1.2. Roll Call

#### 2. CLAIMS

- 2.1. Approve APVs #25605-25647  
Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier to approve claims. Council member Angela Fahrnow questioned claims #25610 (American Pump), #25629 (Silversmith), and #25647 (New Focus HR LLC). Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas explained the New Focus HR LLC and Silversmith to the satisfaction of the Council. Questions remained on #25610 (American Pump). Motion did not carry.
- 2.2. After a brief discussion to pay all the claims with the exception of the American Pump invoice (APV #25610). Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin to remove APV # 25610 from payment until more information is provided. Motion did not carry.
- 2.3. Bill Niemier requested a revote to approve all claims with the exception of the claim #25610 American Pump.

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion carried with 3 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSTAINED:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY)

- 3.1. Dale Wagner 4462 S 600 W - discussed the food truck ordinance/resolution. He stated that this is a resolution, not an ordinance. He can't find documentation of any ordinance. The resolution number is 041923B but was signed 4/21/21. He stated that he feels it penalizes the food truck industry, and pointed out other items that he believes make it difficult to enforce

### 4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

- 4.1. Adoption of Town Council Minutes from September 6, 2023

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion carried with 3 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1. Review of Food Truck Resolution #041923B.

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion to table carried with 3 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

- 5.2. Approval of Claim # 25562, Strand Associates from last meeting

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion carried with 3 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Approval of updated employee handbook -Yvonne Jonas provided information on changes and updates to the handbook. The council tabled the handbook approval to have more time to review.

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion to table approval of employee handbook until the next meeting until council has time to review changes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Niemier

<b>SECONDER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

- 6.2. Halloween event - Round The Corner Pub  
Council was notified that this has been cancelled.
- 6.3. Excess Levy Appeal Resolution #092023 - The Town will send an excess levy appeal requesting an increase of \$65,000.

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion carried with 3 ayes.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

- 6.4. Trick or Treat time for 2023 - Chief Ehle recommended to council to remain the same hours as in the past.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve Trick or Treat time from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Niemier
<b>AYES:</b>	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, and Brandee Bastin
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Chris Lytle and Clint Bledsoe

- 6.5. Email About Food Truck and Development - Angie Fahrnow read a letter from Dale Wagner discussing the food truck ordinance and subdivision development. Dale Wagner expressed concern that the requirements for the Willow Ridge subdivision have not been met. Bill Niemier asked Attorney Kowalski if it was his legal opinion that the approval of the Willow Ridge subdivision complied with all statutory requirements, and Attorney Kowalski affirmed that it did.

## **7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

- 7.1. Police Chief Robert Ehle - He spoke with the Town Manager Jim Robinson, and he will review the invoices from American Pump.
- 7.2. Town Manager James Robinson - Was attending another meeting on behalf of the Town.
- 7.3. Street Commissioner Stephen Pool -
- 7.4. Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas - INDOT is auctioning off a parcel of land at 500 W and US 52 -Southeast corner. The town currently maintains that area and would like to know if the Town would be interested in placing a bid. Bill Niemier made a motion for the Town to place a bid on the parcel, after discussion, the motion died. Attorney Kowalski felt the costs associated with purchasing this small parcel would be exorbitant to meet all state statutes. However, he did offer alternatives for the purchase.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 5 MINUTES - ANY TOPIC**

Dale Wagner - 4462 S 500 W

Discussed email concerning the RDC meeting and Planning Commission meeting. Stated he was disappointed with the RDC who, in the beginning, had 5 ideas regarding the spending of finances. He said they mentioned nothing about sidewalks at the last meeting, which was one of the first things initially discussed, along with street signs, high school robotics, a sign at the east end of town, an amphitheater, and the painting of electrical boxes.

**9. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

No council comments.

**10. ADJOURN**

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
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Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer