



MINUTES

Town of New Palestine
Town Council
Wednesday, June 19, 2024
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, June 19, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Vice President Bill Niemier, Council Member Ryan Hartley, Council Secretary Chad Molinder, and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas
Police Chief Robert Ehle, Town Manager James Robinson, and Street Commissioner Stephen Pool

ABSENT: Council President Teri Reed and Council Member Ethan Maple Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Greiner

1. CALL TO ORDER

Bill Niemier attended the meeting remotely (via Zoom) until arriving in person at 7:20 p.m.

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

3. CLAIMS

3.1. Approval of APVs #26546 - 26600

Ryan Hartley moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve the claims

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Ryan Hartley
SECONDER:	Bill Niemier
AYES:	Bill Niemier, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder
ABSENT:	Teri Reed and Ethan Maple

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. Adoption of Town Council Minutes from June 5, 2024

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Ryan Hartley, Motion to approve the minutes

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Bill Niemier
SECONDER:	Ryan Hartley
AYES:	Bill Niemier, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder
ABSENT:	Teri Reed and Ethan Maple

5. OLD BUSINESS

- 5.1. Ordinance #060524 - Extending No Parking Zone on North Depot Street - Second Reading

Ryan Hartley moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve Ordinance #060524

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Ryan Hartley
SECONDER:	Bill Niemier
AYES:	Bill Niemier, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder
ABSENT:	Teri Reed and Ethan Maple

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Discussion regarding changing Banking Institutions - Yvonne Jonas

Yvonne provided information to the council on this subject, stating that Greenfield Bank will not charge the fees that we are currently being charged for the wastewater account, which is \$600 - \$700 per month, and the town will get more interest than what we are receiving currently. She has already submitted an application for a credit card from Greenfield Bank to start the process.

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Ryan Hartley, Motion to authorize Clerk-Treasurer to explore and implement change of bank institutions.

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Bill Niemier
SECONDER:	Ryan Hartley
AYES:	Bill Niemier, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder
ABSENT:	Teri Reed and Ethan Maple

- 6.2. R&G Indian Grocery - Sarah Singh

She was not in attendance at the meeting.

7. LEGAL UPDATES

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Town Manager Jim Robinson - Discussed the crash report on the light pole that was damaged by the uninsured driver. He stated that the small claims court form from the Clerk's office can be filed electronically. Bill Niemier stated that the driver is responsible for paying for the damages.

Street Commissioner Stephen Pool - Discussed Community Crossings and said he tossed the low bid due to multiple errors. Dave O'Mara will be awarded the contract. He spoke about Summerfest, and getting detours set up. He also discussed the Bittner Bridge closure and repair situation, and stated that we will know more after the reports come in. He stated that everything has to go through CSX. Ryan said we have to go through the permitting process with CSX as well, and it could be a lengthy process.

Police Chief Bob Ehle - Next week, the department will go through active shooter training with other area departments. He also requested approval of the purchase of a level 3A Ballistic Shield which will cost from \$2,000 to \$3,000.

Yvonne Jonas - Spoke about budget time and talked through some dates for the budget meetings with Jarod Hall. She explained the process, and she will send out an email to everyone.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 5 MINUTES - ANY TOPIC

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ryan Hartley - Spoke of Summerfest, and VOLT being in attendance to provide information and request input. The county will be doing micro surfacing on 500 W within the next week.

Bill Niemier - Apologized for being late due to another meeting. He wished Teri a fast recovery after her surgery, and thanked Chad for leading the meeting.

Chad Molinder - Spoke about everyone donating their time, and everyone working well together.

11. ADJOURN

Ryan Hartley moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to adjourn

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Ryan Hartley
SECONDER:	Bill Niemier
AYES:	Bill Niemier, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder
ABSENT:	Teri Reed and Ethan Maple

Ryan Hartley

Ethan Maple

Chad Molinder

Bill Niemier

Teri Reed

Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer

These minutes are a summary of actions taken at the Town of New Palestine Council meetings. The full video archive of the meeting is available for viewing at www.youtube.com/@townofnewpalestine7763 for as long as this media is supported.