



# MINUTES

## Town of New Palestine Town Council Wednesday, June 2, 2021 7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

**PRESENT:** Council Secretary Angela Fahrnow, Council President Bill Niemier, Council Member Brandee Bastin, Council Vice President Clint Bledsoe, and Council Member Chris Lytle

Town Manager James Robinson, Police Chief Robert Ehle, Infrastructure Stephen Pool, and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas

**ABSENT:**

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. MINUTES

2.1. Meeting Minutes May 19, 2021

**Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to approve minutes**

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

### 3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. Silversmith Data Brandon Cook

Brandon Cook demonstrated Silversmith Data technology for the Council. This technology can be utilized for location of pipelines, and manholes. It can provide information on repairs, used for permits, roads, etc. Every department will be able to utilize this technology. Cost is based upon the population, which would be \$6350 for setup. Files from Beacon and any other engineering can be brought in. The yearly fee is \$1850, which includes unlimited data for the tablet. Jim stated that financing can come from the American Rescue Plan Act because wastewater, sewer, and infrastructure are involved.

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

##### 4.1. 77 PERF for Police

There was a discussion about the desire to retain our police officers by approving 77 plan for them. Chief Ehle spoke of the need to attract and retain good employees. This plan will provide for officers' families if something were to happen to them.

It will also be added to the handbook and the salary ordinance.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve 77 PERF fund for Police**

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

##### 4.2. Resolution Adopting Remote Meeting Participation Protocols

Bill Niemier read by title - Ordinance 060221 regarding remote participation for meetings. This can be for one individual, or as entire council but can't be done more than 2 meetings consecutively.

**Brandee Bastin moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to read by title only**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Brandee Bastin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Lytle

**Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion approved on 2nd reading.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>Carried</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Chris Lytle
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Brandee Bastin

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

##### 5.1. Keith Oliver - New Coffee and Donut Shop at 5933 W. US 52

Mr. Oliver introduced himself and provided the council with information about his plans. Plans to have approximately 8 employees, with 2 to 3 working at one time. Plans are to have coffee, donuts, and sandwiches.

##### 5.2. Additional Appropriation for Roof Replacement

Yvonne spoke about the roof being fixed, but the financing not having been discussed or decided on. She spoke with Jarod, and he said to use \$15,000 from Town Hall maintenance, and the CCI fund should have had \$40,000 after meeting with the council, but due to clerical error on his part, it went into the

budget and was approved at \$10,000. Additional appropriation for \$30,000 can be done for that. The resources are available. Total of additional appropriation plus town hall maintenance fund and existing CCI amount of \$55,000 would cover roof repair and a portion or all of the ceiling repair. The total amount of additional appropriation plus the Town Hall Maintenance fund and the CCI fund is \$55,000. The bill is \$48,175. This leaves \$6,825 to repair the ceiling. Angie Fahrnow provided information on 3 proposals:

Proposal to replace tiles and paint the 12" x 12" tiles was approved for \$3,025.

**Clint Bledsoe moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve quote #2.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
<b>MOVER:</b>	Clint Bledsoe
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Bill Niemier

**5.3. Impact Fees**

Town Manager Jim Robinson proposed adopting Impact Fees due to all the growth in the Town. He'd like to have a conversation with the town attorney. The fees could be applied to growth, public safety, parks, etc. Impact fees don't deter development, but it is a funding source for the town.

**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Steve Pool - AT&T has bumped their schedule back to the end of July before their relocation is complete. This project is going to start when school starts back up and will be ongoing for 60 days.

Bob Ehle - Wanted to know when budget meeting will be. Yvonne told him it has to be after June 30. He stated that our defibrillator is out of date. He said the sewer plant needs one as well. Talked about getting employees CPR certified.

Yvonne Jonas - CCD rate was successfully established. There was no remonstrance, so that is done. 20 year warranty on roof is in writing. Also, Jenny Greiner is interested in coming to work. An ad will be placed, and must be up for 7 days.

Jim Robinson - Asberry may have interest in the material part of the Gem Utility plant. He hopes to keep it operating for 2 years to give us that capacity.

**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Sergeant Jessy Walley spoke of his appreciation for approval of the 77 plan. Officer Tyler Batton seconded and Officer Wade Whitaker also thanked the council.

**8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Brandee Bastin spoke about trash around town. She mentioned road and fence row behind El Jaripio, Frosty Boy, and the gas station. She said the trail is also a mess with cigarette butts, etc. She feels that businesses need more attention. Brandee also expressed interest in recycling services for Town, and that grant funds are available. Chief Ehle stated that Sugar Creek Elementary has a plastic drop off, as well as cardboard and paper.

Chris Lytle said he enjoyed the live music a couple weeks ago.

Clint Bledsoe said the subdivision at 800W and US 52 is approved and going through and ground will be broken soon. There will be 111 houses. The streets will go through to Schildmeier Village.

## 9. CLAIMS

9.1.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve APVs#22586 - 22622**

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

## 10. ADJOURN

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to adjourn**

<b>RESULT:</b>	Carried
<b>MOVER:</b>	Angela Fahrnow
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Chris Lytle
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Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer