

MINUTES

PALESTINE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

July 7, 2011

The Palestine Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 7, 2011, at 6:00 PM. Trustees answering the roll call were Gene Purcell, Greta Dennison, Larry Miller, Larry Surrells, and J.D. Kimberlin. J.R. Dunlap was absent.

Chief of Police, Jim Clark and Margaret Littlejohn, Utility Clerk were present.

Visitors present: Chris Forde from WTYE and Tom Osborne from Robinson Daily News,

Meeting called to order by Mayor Schofield.

The meeting began with all present reciting the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes were taken by the Village Clerk.

The minutes of June 2, 2011, were accepted as presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Discussion: Safe place to use as a storm shelter for Palestine area. We are still looking for suggestions for a place to use as a storm shelter. Larry Surrells said he would speak with his church board at their meeting next week and see if they might be interested. It would be ideal to have a couple of storm shelters available, possibly one at each end of town.

NEW BUSINESS:

1) Approve Ordinance to sell property at 210 W. Harrison St. Although the sale was previously approved by the Board, on the advice of our Attorney, an Ordinance was presented to the Board for official approval. Larry Surrells moved to approve the Ordinance as written. J.D. Kimberlin seconded motion. Motion passed.

2) Labor Day Parade Permit. Motion was made by Greta Dennison to approve and adopt the Resolution for IDOT Labor Day Parade Permit. Motion was seconded by Larry Surrells. Motion passed.

3) Special Public Hearing @6:00 PM on July 14, 2011 regarding the Martin annexation. Immediately following the Special Public Hearing, there will be a Board of Trustees meeting to approve the Ordinance to approve said annexation. We are continuing to work on the two annexations, i.e., Martin and the Chamber. The Hearing has been advertised and the Martin annexation has to be in place before we can go forward with the Chamber annexation. We hope to be able to complete the Chamber annexation in August.

Police Report: Chief of Police, Jim Clark. We had one minor burglary reported last month.

Pioneer Room: July 2011 – Larry Miller

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee: Shirley Adams, Chairman. The June Financial reports were given to the Trustees.

Ordinance Committee: Larry Miller, Chairman. Larry said the all the feedback on neighborhood vehicles has all been against allowing them to be driven within the Village. Larry Surrells said the feedback he's received has also been negative, with only one person in favor of it.

Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. We'd like to do more work on the sidewalks and alleys but the cost of removing damaged trees within the Village has used up a lot of the funds.

Sewer Committee: Larry Surrells, Chairman. Mayor Schofield said Larry Quick is having a gentleman be here this week to repair the metering device at the lagoon. Mr. Quick feels this will help solve some of the problems we've been having.

Gene Purcell made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:15 PM. The purpose of the Executive Session is to review prior Executive Session Minutes.

Regular Session resumed at 6:30 PM.

After discussing the review of minutes from closed sessions, Larry Miller moved to have the December 2, 2010 Executive Session Minutes opened up for public inspection. Larry Surrells seconded motion. Motion passed.

Other business:

J.D. asked if there was anything that could be done with the growing rabbit population. He questioned if the ESDA might have any ideas. Mayor Schofield said she would call them.

Gene requested that the Board of Trustees tour Connie Rae Drive and view the trailer where Roy Baum used to live and see if there is something that can be done. The property is a mess. In addition, Judie McCarter's property behind her house also needs attention. Mayor Schofield asked Larry Miller, as Ordinance Officer, if he would get with the Chief of Police to address these issues.

Mayor Schofield reported for Margaret on delinquent sewer bills. Margaret sent out about 90 past due notices.

With no further business to discuss, Larry Surrells moved to adjourn. Larry Miller seconded motion. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.

PRESIDENT

CLERK