

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Wednesday
June 20, 2018
7:00 p.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Wednesday June 20, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the New Palestine Town Hall. Clint Bledsoe called the meeting to order. Jan Jarson and Brandee Bastin in attendance. Pledge of Allegiance

Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve the minutes of June 2. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

TRASH BID OPENING- Attorney Gregg Morelock opened the three bids submitted Republic, Fisk and CGS and read the respective bid numbers. Jan Jarson made the motion to table the trash bid consideration until staff and council was able to analyze them and bring back the information. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. The bids will be considered at the Wed. meeting July 18.

SEWER PLAN EXPANSION- Sewer Manager Dave Book reported that the construction is going well and ahead of schedule.

STELLAR COMMUNITES – Town Manager Dave Book reported that the Stellar information would be in the town’s booth at the Summer Fest June 23. They will also meet Mon. 6-25 and narrow down the list of projects in the proposed plan.

COMMUNITY CROSSINGS- Town Manager Dave Book reported that all concrete work and curb ramps was complete and that all street repair north of Main St. will be completed this week except in Harting Farms. The work will be suspended for the Summer Fest Fri. and Sat.

GEM RD & US 52 RENOVATION- Town Manager Dave Book reported on the street project for US 52 & Gem Rd. which will be pushed back several months not sure of timing yet. We will be looking for a match grant for the town’s project portions.

CRYSTAL HEIGHTS AND HARTING FARMS DRAINAGE-Town Manager Dave Book reported that the subdivisions Crystal Heights and Harting Farms both have drainage issues in the rear yards stemming from developers. Question whether to regrade or use drainage.
Jan Jarson made the motion to hire a surveyor to give center lines and grade though the swale. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

TRAIL GEM ROAD to DEPOT ST.- Plan Commissioner Jim Robinson reported that the trails along the railroad were done and the decorated bicycles were placed.

NEW BUSINESS

SEWER PLANT EXPANSION PAY REQUESTS – Jan Jarson made the motion to approve pay request #3 for \$346,233.78 from Mitchell and Stark for the sewer plant expansion. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

EMPLOYEE DENTAL INSURANCE RENEWAL – Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss reported that the employee dental insurance has come in with same coverages and same pricing. The vision coverage on the quote is not needed. Council will study the renewal and revisit at next meeting July 7.


HEALTHY HARVEST FOOD TRUCK- Brandee Bastin reported the Healthy Harvest food truck will be at the New Palestine town hall parking lot mornings every Wed. starting 6-27 through 9-26 for anyone wanting to purchase good fresh produce at decent pricing. Volunteers are welcome.


BANNER POLES -Jim Robinson reported that the Mark Kennedy through Main Street is looking into a grant for 7 more poles to hang Blue Start Banners along S. Depot St. by the Museum.

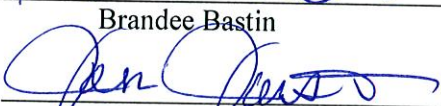
NO OVERNIGHT PARKING TOWN HALL LOTS- By general consensus the council will have Attorney Morelock draw up an ordinance prohibiting overnight parking on the town parking lots.

CLAIMS – Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve claims 18666 through 18731 and Jan Jarson seconded. The motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Jan Jarson and seconded by Brandee Bastin.



Clint Bledsoe


Brandee Bastin


Jan Jarson

ATTEST:  Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Hilligoss