

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday

February 21, 2018

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Wednesday February 21, 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

Minutes- Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the February 3, 2018 minutes. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

COMMUNITY CROSSING STREET PROJECT BID OPENING—Attorney Gregg Morelock and Attorney Chris Isom opened and read bids for the Community Crossing Street Project. Clerk-Treasurer Becky recorded the 12 bids. Jan Jarson made the motion to table the decision for the staff to review the bids before awarding at March 3 meeting.

SCOUT RACE DAY CHANGE- Scout Tom Wilcher requested the Scout Derby Race to be changed to May 6, 2018. The scouts have talked with Marshal Ehle and are looking at school parking for that day also. Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the Scout Race day to May 6, Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

LAND DONATION AGREEMENT US 52 & 500 W. -Attorney Morelock presented a corrected Donation Agreement for the vacant lot on SW corner of US 52 to replace prior agreement. President Clint Bledsoe signed the agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

GEM UTILITIES ACQUISITION – Town Manager Dave Book reported that Town of Cumberland was actively looking for buyer for Gem Utilities and his committee had proposed to offer \$500,000.00 in consideration of the age of the plant and number of users. Discussion followed. Jan Jarson made the motion to authorize Attorney Gregg Morelock to draw up a proposal to Town of Cumberland for \$500,000.00 for acquisition of the Gem Utilities plant. The area service would be 200 S to 300 S and Gem Rd./500 W to Jacobi Rd. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

LOCAL ROADS GRANT APPROPRIATION Ord. #022118 – Attorney Gregg Morelock made the first reading of Additional Appropriation Ord. #022118. Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve Ordinance #022118 on first reading. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. Jan Jarson made the motion to suspend the rules on second reading. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

Brandee Bastin made the motion to pass Additional Appropriation Ord. #022118. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

CEDAR CREEK LOT DONATION– Jim Robinson has been in touch with owners of lot 1 in Cedar Creek for a possible donation. It could be utilized as a small pocket park. A title search will be done and more details at next meeting.

NEW SEWER TRUCK – Sewer Manager Dave Book presented a quote for a 2018 Ford Explorer from Inskeep Ford with total price \$27,975.00 with added blue tooth and pay for it from half sewer and half storm water funds. Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2018 Ford from Inskeep Ford for \$27,975.00. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays. No trade in will be made as all vehicles are needed.

SOCIAL MEDIA AGREEMENT FOR 2018- Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss presented the Social Media Agreement with Caralee Griffith the same rate and services as last year. Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve the Social Service Agreement with Ms. Griffith. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

EAGLE SCOUT RECOGNITION- Becky Hilligoss read the letter of Recognition for Eagle Scout Ethan Haeberle. Town Council recognized that his project was a tennis wall at the high school for community use. The Council signed the letter and it will be delivered at a Scout meeting.

EAP LIFESERVICES - Becky Hilligoss presented the Quarterly Report for the EAP Lifeservices. Employees are not utilizing the service. Decision was made to reach out to the employees again through some sort of gathering/meeting.

RECONCILED FUND TO BANK- Clerk-Treasurer Becky Hilligoss has submitted and Jan Jarson approved the January reconciled bank to fund reports.

CLAIMS – Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve claims 18227 through 18294 and Jan Jarson seconded. The motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

STELLAR COMMUNITIES- Town Manager Dave Book reported that the Towns of Cumberland, McCordsville and New Palestine had met and were working on a regional grant through Stellar Communities for the Mt Comfort Road corridor with enhancements along the road and in the towns. This will entail a lot of work for all involved.

HEALTHY COMMUNITY DESIGNATION– Brandee Bastin will work with town employees and Dave Book to complete what the Town needs to do to become designated.

CGS TRASH PICK UP- David Hocket resident of the Overlook subdivision questioned the trash decision for CGS pickup. President Clint Bledsoe explained the town position and the process to bid the service and start a Trash Utility for the Town and make a formal change by 1-1-19.

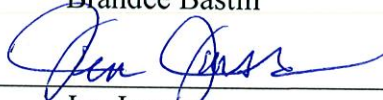
The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Jan Jarson and seconded by Brandee Bastin.



Clint Bledsoe



Brandee Bastin



Jan Jarson

ATTEST:  Clerk-Treasurer
Becky Hillgoss