

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday

May 16, 2018

7:00 p.m. Town Hall

The New Palestine Town Council met on Wednesday May 16, 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

Jan Jarson made the motion to close the town meeting and open the public hearing. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

PUBLIC HEARING-Town Attorney Gregg Morelock explained the Sewer Rate amendment Ordinance #041818. The user fees for business properties and clarifications of all prior ordinances for these fees are corrected in this ordinance. No public comments. Jan Jarson made the motion to close the public hearing and reconvene the council meeting. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

OLD BUSINESS

SEWER RATES AMENDMENT #041818 – Jan Jarson made the motion to approve all changes in the ordinance presented by Attorney Morelock for dollar amounts in the Sewer Rate Changes Ordinance #041818.

Jan Jarson made the motion to pass Sewer Rate Changes Ordinance #041818. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays

Minutes- Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the May 5, 2018 minutes. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

SEWER PLANT EXPANSION PAY REQUESTS – Jan Jarson made the motion to approve pay request #1 for \$127,343.69 and #2 for \$306,714.03 from Mitchell and Stark for the sewer plant expansion. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

STELLAR COMMUNITES GRANT- Jan Jarson reported that she had met with the Stellar group to interview DLZ Engineering prospect this morning. The community involvement Stellar meeting will be June 5th 9am at the Buck Creek Fire Station.

MS-4 ANNUAL MEETING REPORT- Jim Robinson reported that he and Nyla Staples had attended the annual meeting and workshop for MS-4 regulations.

GEM RD & US 52 RENOVATION- Street Commissioner Steve Pool reported he had met with INDOT and because there is a property to be condemned on the NW corner the street project for US 52 & Gem Rd. will be pushed back several months.

MILL ST STORM BASIN REPAIR- Street Commissioner Steve Pool reported that with the street repairs for Mill St. a couple of storm catch basins needed to be replaced near Central St. before the street could be done. He

had sent out for quotes on the work and Rininger Excavating Inc. had the lowest and correct quote. Cost for the project is \$6,500.00 for both basins.

Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve the catch basin project for \$6,500.00 with Rininger Excavating Inc. Jan Jarson 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 were done except some grass seeding. Two decorated bicycles were being placed along the trail for art décor.

RICKERS STATION – Plan Commissioner Jim Robinson stated that he now had the construction list of dates for construction of the station with the completion date for Rickers gas station to be the end of August.

NEW BUSINESS

TRANSFER APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION #051618- Brandee Bastin made the motion to approve Transfer Resolution #051618. Jan Jarson seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

NEW SEWER MOWER - Jan Jarson made the motion to approve the purchase with trade in for a John Deere diesel mower from Reynolds Farm Equipment at no more than \$8,499.00 total. Brandee Bastin seconded and the motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

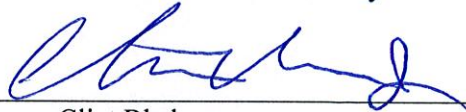
TOWN & SRO POLICE OFFICER- Marshal Ehle reported that negotiations were almost complete with So. Hancock schools for an officer to work SRO duty when school is in session and for the town when school is out. The position will be paid by approximately 1/3 town and 2/3 school funds.

RESIDENT QUESTIONS Timothy Powell asked for clarification on the date Rickers was to be completed and quotes of purchases they approved. The council gave him all needed information.

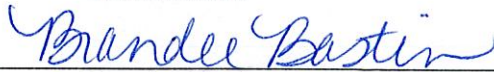
AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL- Town officials attended the dedication ceremony for the local American Legion's Southern Hancock Co. Veterans Memorial on May 12. The Legion had been working on the memorial for about 20 years and finally completed it and planned a very nice dedication to involve the entire community including the school bands and choirs various speakers and a picnic lunch for anyone attending.

CLAIMS – Jan Jarson made the motion to approve claims 18484 through 18622 and Brandee Bastin seconded. The motion carried with 3 ayes and 0 nays.

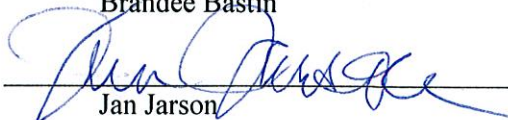
The meeting was then adjourned by motion from Jan Jarson and seconded by Brandee Bastin.



Clint Bledsoe



Brandee Bastin



Jan Jarson

ATTEST:



Becky Hilligoss

Clerk-Treasurer