



**MINUTES**  
**Town of New Palestine**  
**Town Council**  
**Wednesday, April 7, 2021**  
**7:00 PM - Town Hall**

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

**PRESENT:** Council Secretary Angela Fahrnow, 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:** Council President Bill Niemier

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Council President, Bill Niemier was absent

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

**2. MINUTES**

2.1. Approval of 3/17/2021 minutes

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

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

**3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS**

3.1. Main Street - Julie Lucas

Julie Lucas- Kim Taylor discussed sponsorship, and temporary liquor permits for May, June, July, August, and September for summer concerts, as well as for the 2 nights of Summerfest. Highway 52 will not be closed due to construction on Hwy 9, so events will be held on the north end of the high school parking lot. There will be sponsor packets, and some of the planned activities are a ChalkFest, SummerFest, a possible Farmer's Market on Sundays May through September/October, and a parade of antique fire trucks.

To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Town of New Palestine, a mural will be painted on the west side of the renovated liquor store, by Nick Smith, who is a

commissioned artist. This is planned for a May or June start date and he will have an assistant.

**Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to approve temporary liquor license for Summerfest.**

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

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

4.1. Roof Quotes

Jim Robinson stated that he had received 3 quotes, and the bid from Nu-Tec was selected, at \$48175.00. This provides for 2 1/2" of insulation, rubber roof, and 20 year warranty. Start date is 3 weeks out.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to approve Nu-Tec bid \$48,175.00**

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4.2. Food Truck Ordinance

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Ordinance, as well as permit fees being too high. A \$25 annual permit fee was discussed. Attorney Ted Nolting to work on Ordinance and present to Council at next meeting.

**Clint Bledsoe moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion for \$25/year permit.**

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

4.3. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Tabled until next meeting. Clerk Treasurer will create a job description, and will communicate with Jarrod Hall for the budgeted amount.

4.4. New Police Vehicle lease purchase - resolution

Town Attorney Ted Nolting read Resolution #040721 for the Chevy Tahoe, and it will be added to the master lease program.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to approve Resolution 040721**

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**5. NEW BUSINESS**

5.1. Omni Site

Town Mgr Jim Robinson stated that there is \$3538 SRF money left to use and he would like to apply it toward 2 more XR50 monitors, which are \$1800 each.

**Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to approve using SRF money to update pump (\$3538)**

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5.2. American Rescue Plan

Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas informed the Council that this plan from the US government is a 350 billion dollar plan with \$130.2 billion going to local governments. The town of New Palestine share is \$530,000 and will involve planning on how to best utilize it. Town will receive half its share in 30 days and it must be used by 12/31/24. More money is available for schools. The Town must have a plan to fund it.

5.3. INPRS Request - Denise Ehle

WW employee Denise Ehle has requested to join the Town INPRS retirement plan. An employee must work 1,000 hours per year to qualify. The cost to the Town would be \$3,203 per year at 11.2 %. Town Attorney Ted Nolting informed the Council that a resolution would need to be drafted and voted on by Council. Tabled.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, Motion to table to next meeting**

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**6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

6.1. Sewer- Jim Robinson spoke about trash issues in the new subdivisions, doing an MS4 walk next week, walking all properties and requesting builders to clean up and provide reports .

6.2. Wastewater-Jim Robinson:

Jim Robinson stated that the 615 fund is now up to approximately \$287,000 - with a goal to get hookup fees and land fees to pay off BAN. He also stated that a master plan with Triad has been approved.

6.3. Streets- Steve Pool:

Steve Pool informed Council that paving should begin from North St. to Stonehaven Lane soon. He stated that roundabout utility location is in progress, and at the end of May, a 60 day closure can be expected. Also - 2nd and 3rd sections of Lennar & Copperstone should be starting.

6.4. Police-Bob Ehle:

Chief Ehle stated that tasers are in and they have done training. He also stated that they will be doing cell phone forensic class training. He discussed the need for the Town handbook to move forward. Cost is \$4800 for the first edition, and \$125 per year for updates.

6.5. Clerk-Treasurer: Yvonne:

Began a discussion about new hire HSA payout and whether to pro-rate, and informed the council about the need for a Code Book update. She also discussed the need for a new handbook to be done.

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, motion to approve handbook \$-----**

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**7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Kelly England Johnson made comments in support of food trucks on behalf of the Lions Club.

**8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Council member Angela Fahrnow commented briefly about the county prosecutor closing the case in regard to former Town Manager, Dave Book, due to his passing.

**9. CLAIMS**

- 9.1. Town APVs #22329-22407
- WW & SW APVs #22330-22408
- Payroll 3-19-21 Gross Payroll APVs #22354-22358
- Payroll Deduction Checks APVs #22359-22362

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to approve claims**

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**ABSENT:** Bill Niemier

**10. ADJOURN**

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion to Adjourn**

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