



MINUTES
Town of New Palestine
Town Council
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council Secretary Angela Fahrnow, Council President Bill Niemier, Council Member Brandee Bastin, Council Vice President Clint Bledsoe, and Council Member Chris Lytle

Town Manager James Robinson, Infrastructure Stephen Pool, and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

2. MINUTES

2.1. Approval of 4/7/21 minutes

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

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Angela Fahrnow
SECONDER:	Brandee Bastin
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle
ABSTAINED:	Bill Niemier

3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1. Mobile Food Vehicle Ordinance Reading

Ordinance 2021-042121 was read by Town Attorney Ted Nolting, changing the food truck permit fee to \$25 annually.

Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve Food Truck Ordinance

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Chris Lytle

SECONDER:	Bill Niemier
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

4.2. Deputy Clerk-Treasurer

Yvonne Jonas requested a deputy clerk to assist her. The Deputy Clerk-Treasurer's salary will be \$29,120. June 1, 2021, fiscal impact would be \$16,987 and a job description will be created.

Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, Motion to approve Deputy Clerk

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Angela Fahrnow
SECONDER:	Clint Bledsoe
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

4.3. INPRS- Denise Ehle

Clerk-Treasurer explained that the process is quite lengthy, and that an actuarial survey would have to be done. Stated that it would also set a precedent for all other employees hired who work the same amount of hours. It was decided not to make this a PERF position at this time, but is subject to further review.

5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Re-establish Cumulative Capital Development rate to 5%

No public comments during the public hearing.

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Re-establish Cumulative Capital Development rate to 5% Ordinance #2021-042121A

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Bill Niemier
SECONDER:	Chris Lytle
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

5.2. Approval CF-1 Woodland Terrace

Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, Motion to approve signature on CF-1 Compliance for Woodland Terrace

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Angela Fahrnow
SECONDER:	Clint Bledsoe
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

5.3. Chief Brandon Kleine - update on Fire Department

Chief Kleine informed council that the fire department has had an increase in runs due to Woodland Terrace. The fire department has had steady growth, adding 6 new recruits in April. They are a Class 3 organization, and currently have 49 full time firemen, 2 civilians, and 2 volunteers.

5.4. Reith Riley Agreement

This agreement is a request for permission to stage a construction trailer for roundabout construction purposes.

Right of Entry Agreement Tabled to next meeting due to an error in the language of the agreement.

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, Tabled to next meeting

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Bill Niemier
SECONDER:	Clint Bledsoe
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

5.5.

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-04-2021A on 2nd reading made by Bill Niemier, and seconded by Chris Lytle.

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Bill Niemier
SECONDER:	Chris Lytle
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

6.1. Storm Water - Jim Robinson discussed the storm pipe servicing North Street, Depot Street, and Bittner. He stated that a title search needs to be done to find the easement because there are issues with basements flooding along that area.

Wastewater - Pre-existing lot and legally existing non-comforming lot account now has approximately \$315,000 in it. Flooding issue in Harting Farms was mentioned by Brandee Bastin and Jim said that will be attended to.

Police - New tasers are working well.

Street - Roundabout utilities are being implemented. Duke is out of the way, and AT&T and Comcast are in there now, and Vectren has begun. They hope to be done around May 17. Curb ramps are also in process now.

Clerk-Treasurer - Yvonne Jonas questioned whether to pro-rate HSA for newly hired employee, Tom Smith.

Brandee Bastin moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, In HSA payout with insurance responsibility

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Brandee Bastin
SECONDER:	Bill Niemier
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Angela Fahrnow requested BGBC audit be put on agenda for 5/5/21 meeting and stated that the sewer will pay for the audit.

9. CLAIMS

9.1. Claims 22409 - 22461 were approved by council with 22411 voided due to duplication.

Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve claims 22409-22461 with 22411Voided

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Angela Fahrnow
SECONDER:	Bill Niemier
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

10. ADJOURN

Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to adjourn

RESULT:	Carried
MOVER:	Angela Fahrnow
SECONDER:	Chris Lytle
AYES:	Angela Fahrnow, Bill Niemier, Brandee Bastin, Clint Bledsoe, and Chris Lytle

Brandee Bastin

Bill Niemier

Angie Fahrnow

Clint Bledsoe

Chris Lytle

Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer