



MINUTES
Town of New Palestine
Town Council
Wednesday, November 17, 2021
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, November 17, 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 Member Chris Lytle, and Council Vice President Clint Bledsoe

Town Manager James Robinson, Police Chief Robert Ehle, Infrastructure Advisor Stephen Pool, and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas

ABSENT:

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

2. MINUTES

2.1.

Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to approve 11/03/21 minutes.

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

3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. New Palestine Chamber of Commerce Lease renewal

Clint Bledsoe moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion to approve the current lease, which is \$200 per month, for one more year.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

4.1. Discussion Regarding Pay Down of the BAN

Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas stated that she would like to pay down the BAN as much as we can. There is well over \$600,000 in the 615 fund, which is earmarked specifically for the purpose of paying off the Gem South Plant acquisition. The BAN is \$1,550,000 and the payment would bring it down to \$950,000,000.

Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion carried to pay down the BAN in the amount of \$600,000.

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

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Steve Pool made clear that the roundabout is not open to traffic yet. Electric and signage need to be completed.

US 52 will get the blister lane at 550 W in July 2021

Robert Ehle said the new vehicle is down at Waymire's getting the emergency equipment put on and should be done next week. Interviews are down to 4 applicants now. The next portion will be at-home interviews, in-depth background investigations, and having a chief interview with each. He is looking to hire 1 new officer.

Yvonne Jonas said the excess levy appeal was approved. That amount was \$8,000 and that will be continual and will grow as percentage and cost of living increases. She spoke about the training at Evansville that she and Jenny attended. She also spoke about a Christmas dinner for employees and will get more information.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

8. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Chris Lytle mentioned the impact fee, and was told Attorney Nolting will be coordinating on that with Jim Robinson.

9. CLAIMS

9.1. APVs #23245 - 23285

Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion to approve APVs.

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

10. ADJOURN

Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, Motion carried with 5 ayes.

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



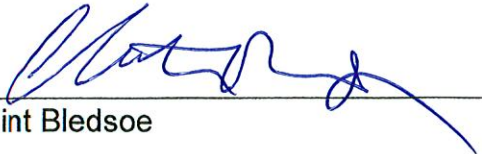
Brandee Bastin



Bill Niemier



Angie Fahrnow



Clint Bledsoe

Chris Lytle



Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer