



# MINUTES

## Town of New Palestine

### Town Council

Wednesday, January 19, 2022  
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 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 Town Council Vice President Clint Bledsoe

Town Manager James Robinson, Police Chief Robert Ehle, and Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas

**ABSENT:** Street Commissioner Stephen Pool

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

#### 2. MINUTES

2.1. Town Council Minutes 1/05/22

**Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion to approve 1/05/2022 minutes, in regard to favorable recommendation of the UDP for the Becovic property condition #3, as amended (rent to be paid by tenant shall be no less than \$900 per month per unit, and this excludes all housing grants and subsidies based upon income.)**

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

#### 3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

#### 4. OLD BUSINESS

#### 5. NEW BUSINESS

5.1. Re-Organization



**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion for Bill Niemier to continue as President of the Council.**

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

5.2.

**Brandee Bastin moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion for Clint Bledsoe to continue as Vice President of the Council.**

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

5.3.

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Brandee Bastin, Motion for Angela Fahrnow to continue as Council Secretary.**

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

5.4. Renewal of Town Attorney Contract

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to retain Ted Nolting as Town Attorney pursuant to terms to be agreed upon.**

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

5.5. Boards and Committee Assignments

Bill Niemier is on the RDC, the 1977 Plan Police and Firefighters' retirement board, and Economic Development Commission. Chris Lytle, Bill Niemier, and Angie Fahrnow are all on the Planning Commission.

**Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Angela Fahrnow, Motion to retain Board and Committee appointments.**

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

## **6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

6.1. Police Chief Bob Ehle

Received an email from Main Street in regard to Summerfest and closing US 52 on Friday and Saturday of the event. He will have them come and present to Council.



- 6.2. Town Manager Jim Robinson  
Impact Fees - He feels we need to hire an engineer to assist with this process, with the growth we are having. Attorney Nolting said it is actually required. Jim will follow up and get an engineering report. He also has several bids for the truck and will open them up on the 2nd of February. He will meet with Commonwealth on Friday.

## **7. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- 7.1. Thomas Barclay of Commonwealth Engineers introduced himself to the Council and said they would be talking about the engineering report on Friday, and he would be happy to answer any questions.
- 7.2. Melissa Garrard of Forestar provided the council with information in regard to the development that is being proposed at the northwest corner of W 300 S and Gem Rd.
- 7.3. Chris Wernimont spoke briefly about issues he has with the new housing developments being proposed.

## **8. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Brandee Bastin mentioned the AIM Legislative dinner, and the desire to be represented at the event.

## **9. CLAIMS**

- 9.1. APVs # 23456 - 23512

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to approve APVs #23456-23512.**

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

## **10. ADJOURN**

**Angela Fahrnow moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to adjourn.**

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

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Brandee Bastin



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Chris Lytle

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Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer