



MINUTES

Town of New Palestine
Town Council
Wednesday, October 6, 2021
7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

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

Town Manager James Robinson, Police Chief Robert Ehle, Infrastructure Advisor Stephen Pool.

ABSENT: Council Secretary Angela Fahrnow, Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas, and Jenny Greiner.

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1. Pledge of Allegiance

1.2. Roll Call

All Council members were present with the exception of Angela Fahrnow.

2. MINUTES

2.1. September 15, 2021 minutes

Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, Motion to approve September 15, 2021 minutes.

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

2.2. Public Hearing Minutes for 2022 Budget

Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Clint Bledsoe, One motion was used for both the approval of the September 15, 2021 minutes as well as the public hearing minutes for the 2022 Budget.

These two items were approved on Chris Lytle's motion, but he was not in attendance for the 2022 budget hearing meeting and actually abstained from that vote. He voted yes to approve the September 15, 2021 town council meeting minutes. Motion for approval of the September 15, 2021 council meeting minutes carried with 4 ayes. Motion to approve the public hearing minutes for the 2022 budget carried with 3 ayes and 1 abstain.

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

3. NEW AGENDA ITEMS

3.1. Sale of 2010 GMC Sierra -

Town Manager Jim Robinson that this vehicle is a 2010 2-wheel drive that is currently sitting on a battery charger. It's a very nice truck and has 35 - 40 thousand miles on it, and it's not being used. Town really needs a 4-wheel drive to push snow. We have part of the budget from last year (\$35,000) that we didn't use that has been rolled into this year. and he would like to sell this truck and use that money that's been set aside for it in next year's budget. He would like permission to sell this vehicle and use the proceeds for purchasing a new vehicle. He is contemplating taking minimum bids. Research will be done on trade-in value. Attorney Nolting provided Resolution #2021-10-06 for the disposal of this vehicle.

Brandee Bastin moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion carried to accept bids and put funds received toward the purchase of a new vehicle. Resolution #2021-10-06 adopted with 4 ayes.

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

4. OLD BUSINESS

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

7. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council President Bill Niemier said work has begun at the Tharp property north of the Fifth Third Bank. An eating establishment called Dale's Restaurant has been planned and will be a good addition to the community. It is a sit-down family-style restaurant. The owner of that area will be coming in for rezoning, so there will be a lot of activity occurring soon.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Infrastructure Advisor

Stephen Pool informed the council that the construction on the roundabout has begun. Under-drains should be in soon. He is also concerned about the timber sidewalk on the Bittner Road bridge and had it evaluated by an engineer. Chief Ehle said that the County is responsible for any repair or work done on the bridge.

Town Manager

Jim Robinson said he will be meeting with Susan Bodkin (Hancock County Surveyor) to investigate the water issue in Harting Farms. They will walk to investigate what is causing the pond to be raised up. They feel like there is a lot of sediment, trees, and blockage causing the issue. He would like to take the backhoe and clear it out.

Police

Chief Ehle stated that approximately 30 applicants who picked up packets via coming into Town Hall or having them emailed to them, and 5 candidates have turned them back in. The deadline is October 23. He also requested that the parking ordinance be amended, due to lack of clarity on the fines, and that will be put on the agenda to be amended for the next meeting (October 20).

Clerk-Treasurer

Yvonne Jonas and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Greiner were not present due to attending the 2021 AIM Idea Summit in French Lick, IN.

9. CLAIMS

Clint Bledsoe had questions in regard to the hail damage claim on town/police vehicles. He felt the bill was high. After discussion in regard to a check that was received from the insurance company, which was made out to Action Collision and Town of New Palestine, claims were approved.

9.1. APVs #23078 - 23133

Clint Bledsoe moved, seconded by Chris Lytle, Motion to accept claims as presented - APVs# 23078 - 23133

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

10. ADJOURN

Chris Lytle moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to adjourn.

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

Brandee Bastin

Bill Niemier

Angie Fahrnow

Clint Bledsoe

Chris Lytle

Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer