



MINUTES

Town of New Palestine Town Council Wednesday, June 5, 2024 7:00 PM - Town Hall

The Town Council of the Town of New Palestine was called to order on Wednesday, June 5, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Town Hall, with the following members present:

PRESENT: Council President Teri Reed, Council Vice President Bill Niemier, Council Member Ethan Maple, Council Member Ryan Hartley, and Council Secretary Chad Molinder
Police Chief Robert Ehle, Town Manager James Robinson, Street Commissioner Stephen Pool, and Deputy Clerk-Treasurer Jenny Greiner

ABSENT: Clerk-Treasurer Yvonne Jonas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence

Special Recognition of Police Officers - Chief Police Bob Ehle discussed an event that occurred on Saturday, May 18 regarding an intoxicated driver in the area. The driver crashed and rolled his vehicle, which was now upside down, and the driver was barely breathing. Officers Bohman and Whitaker were first on the scene and were successful in extricating the unconscious driver. They realized he was struggling to breathe from a possible drug overdose. They administered Narcan, in an effort to get him breathing. Chief Ehle read from a statement from Deputy Nick Ernstes from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department giving a commendation for these officers. Chief Ehle then presented them with the New Palestine Police Department Life Saving Award.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS (3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT PER PERSON FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA ONLY)

No comments.

3. CLAIMS

3.1. Approval of APVs # 26472 - 26545

Chad Molinder moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, motioned to approve APVs

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Chad Molinder |
| SECONDER: | Bill Niemier |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

4.1. Adoption of Town Council Minutes from May 15, 2024

Ethan Maple moved, seconded by Chad Molinder, to approve minutes from May 15, 2024

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Ethan Maple |
| SECONDER: | Chad Molinder |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1. Food Truck Ordinance

Ethan Maple moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve for unanimous consent to approve on first reading, and changes regarding language were requested by the council, which will be made by the town attorney. The ordinance will be named Ordinance #060524A.

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Ethan Maple |
| SECONDER: | Bill Niemier |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

Ethan Maple moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to approve with the 4 amendments as discussed.

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Ethan Maple |
| SECONDER: | Bill Niemier |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Chad Molinder, Motion to approve Ordinance #060524A on second reading.

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Bill Niemier |
| SECONDER: | Chad Molinder |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1. Ordinance #060524 - Extending No Parking Zone on North Depot Street

Ethan Maple suggested that homeowners be notified about the change.

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Chad Molinder, Motion extending no parking zone on North Depot Street carried with 5 ayes.

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Bill Niemier |
| SECONDER: | Chad Molinder |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

6.2. Bid Opening for Community Crossing Project - Steve Pool

Attorney Zack opened bid packets
Robertson Paving \$228,112

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| Howard Companies | \$393,624 |
| Grady Brothers | \$161,922 |
| Dave O'Mara | \$193,305.75 |

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Ethan Maple, Motion to authorize Steve Pool to review bids and award the most responsible and reasonably priced bidder the contract.

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Bill Niemier |
| SECONDER: | Ethan Maple |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

6.3. Volt - Education sessions for Town Commissions - Jim Robinson

Jim stated that the meeting/training session will be in the Shank room on Tuesday, June 18 between 5 and 6 o'clock with all the town boards. Everyone has been emailed for the training session.

6.4. Becovic Management Group Introduction - Muhamed Becovic
He introduced himself to the new council and briefly discussed the apartment project and timetable.

7. LEGAL UPDATES

None.

8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Jim Robinson - Ashton Acres is moving dirt. Monday or Tuesday will be sewer hookups. In Willow Ridge, asphalt will begin being put down. Starbucks should be open in about a month and a half. He spoke about a grant with the Community Foundation, which may help with our town park. He believes the high school construction project will be wrapped up soon. He met with Randy Sorrell and updated him on some things, and also discussed Tami Adams' possible new housing project on Bittner Road. He stated it is going to be 6 homes on 8 acres.

Chief Ehle - Appreciated the time to honor his officers.

Jenny Greiner - She stated that we did not get the sponsorship to Main Street in this claims packet and requested permission to write a check for \$2500 for the sponsorship.

8.1.

Bill Niemier moved, seconded by Chad Molinder, Motion to pre-authorize distribution of check for \$2500 for Main Street sponsorship

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Bill Niemier |
| SECONDER: | Chad Molinder |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 5 MINUTES - ANY TOPIC

10. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Ryan Hartley - stated that he and Teri Reed have a meeting with the developers for the Town Center with INDOT on June 10 at 11 a.m. to discuss some potential issues and planning. He also wants to speak with them about sidewalks on Hwy 52. They will discuss the right of way and connecting sidewalks, etc. The Town Center development should help with that as well.

Ethan Maple congratulated the graduates. He said Bill and Teri will meet Friday at Dry Bones for the council chat.

Chad Molinder - Congratulated our police officers on their work, the example they show, and their leadership. He was excited to have Mr. Becovic out, and this is a project that we've been waiting for.

Bill Niemier - He gave a reminder that Tuesday, June 11 at 5:30 p.m. everyone has the opportunity to meet the new superintendent.

Teri Reed - She wished a happy birthday to Chad.

11. ADJOURN

Chad Molinder moved, seconded by Bill Niemier, Motion to adjourn.

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| RESULT: | Carried |
| MOVER: | Chad Molinder |
| SECONDER: | Bill Niemier |
| AYES: | Teri Reed, Bill Niemier, Ethan Maple, Ryan Hartley, and Chad Molinder |

Ryan Hartley

Ethan Maple

Chad Molinder

Bill Niemier

Teri Reed

Yvonne Jonas, Clerk-Treasurer

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