

VILLAGE of PALISADES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH, 2020 at 6:30 P.M.
WASHINGTON PARK
(THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME)

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. QUORUM CHECK:
3. READING & APPROVAL OF PRIOR SPECIAL MEETING & REGULAR MEETING MINUTES:
4. ACKNOWLEDGE ANY NEW RESIDENT(S) ATTENDING:
5. TREASURER'S REPORT: (CAROLYN LARUE)
6. P.V.F.D. REPORT: (CHIEF DENNIS MASSEY)
7. POLICE REPORT:
8. PERMIT CLERK'S REPORT (DALE CONNER)
9. FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: (DAVID LARUE)
10. **New Business: (discussion and possible action)**
 - Discuss and possible action to adopt the 2020 Tax Rate.
 - Discuss and possible action on allocating \$500 for the Fall Clean-up taking place Saturday, September 19th, 2020.
11. **Old Business: (discussion and possible action)**
12. VILLAGE OF PALISADES RESIDENTS' REQUESTS & COMMENTS:
13. MAYOR'S REPORT:
14. COMMENTS FROM BOARD:
15. ADJOURNMENT:

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE VILLAGE MEETING'S AGENDA WAS POSTED AT THE VILLAGE BOARDS ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH, 2020 AT 6:30 P.M.


BRAD KIEWIET, MAYOR

THE VILLAGE BOARD RESERVES THE RIGHT TO RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING THE REGULAR MEETING WHENEVER NECESSARY.



VILLAGE OF PALISADES
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
Tuesday, August 11, 2020
6:30 p.m.
Washington Park (Village of Palisades)

Mayor Brad Kiewiet called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.

The Alderwoman/men present at the meeting were: Sherry Simms-Fleming, Dale Conner, Ron Driver, Dave LaRue, and Ron Welshans.

The Board read the minutes from the prior Regular meeting held on July 14, 2020, and Alderman Dave LaRue made a motion to approve as written. Alderman Dale Conner seconded the motion. No one opposed.

The Board read the minutes from a Special meeting held on August 4, 2020, and Alderman Dave LaRue made a motion to approve as written. Alderman Ron Welshans seconded the motion. No one opposed.

There were no new Palisades residents to acknowledge at the meeting.

Treasurer Carolyn LaRue gave the Treasurer's report. She stated that as of July 31, 2020 the Village had \$25,373.21 in assets (\$4,916.18 in the money market account).

Income for the Village for July included \$1,988.29 in utility allocations, \$130.66 in property tax collections, permit income of \$265.00, and \$20.00 in road contributions for a total of \$2,403.95.

Mrs. LaRue stated that expenses for July included \$12.05 for Ordinance mail expenses, \$13.77 for the safety light at the gate, \$291.21 for a 100 ft hose, flowers, and deer repellent for the Palisades entrance, and \$86.56 for utilities at the Community Center for a total of \$403.59 which left a net income of \$2,000.36.

Alderman Ron Driver made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as given. Alderman Ron Welshans seconded the motion. No one opposed.

Fire Chief Dennis Massey gave the Palisades Volunteer Fire Department report (see handout). He stated that they had \$10,203.90 in their checking account and \$5,177.15 in their savings account.

Fire Chief Massey said that July 2020 was a critical fire month-they had

five grass fire calls, two dumpster fire calls, a structure fire call on Tradewinds and a medical call on Casino Dr. He stated that they have received the handhelds and Brush-1 mobile has been installed and they are waiting for others to be installed. He said that they are still working on getting electric door openers and a concrete pad for possible addition.

Mr. Massey said that the building they had been approved to buy previously was being moved in the next day and placed behind the Fire Station as planned. He stated that the Fire crew would be doing training online next week for hands on skills due to Covid. He stated that we needed rain and that where were already two more grass fires that day past Canyon by Happy, TX so residents needed to beware of dry conditions and continue to clean property of all brush and debris.

Policeman Beau absent from the meeting so no Police report.

Alderman Dale Conner gave the Permit Clerk's report. He stated that permits for July included \$25.00 for a fence (Nate Green), \$50.00 to place a 30x40 Mueller building (Richard Kiewiet), \$90.00 to place a pre-built shed and a multi load permit for base (Gloria Lackey), \$50.00 for construction & new roof on Brentwood Rd. (Nate Green) and \$50.00 to build a shed on site (Jerry Lane) for a total of \$265.00.

There was no Floodplain Administrator's report-nothing to report.

New Business-

(1) Discussion and possible action on adopting the 2020 tax rate (Randall County). Mayor Brad Kiewiet stated that our previous tax rate was 13.774 due to Village had no debt (road loan) and he was proposing a raise to 14.244 (the limit w/no debt). The Board discussed the need for another road loan and the extra \$800.00 the proposed raise would bring to the Village. Alderman Dave LaRue made a motion to approve raising the tax rate to 14.244. Alderwoman Sherry Simms-Fleming seconded the motion. No one opposed. Treasurer Carolyn LaRue stated that she would take into consideration in the new proposed budget.

(2) Preparing a proposed 2020/2021 fiscal budget for the Village (September 1, 2020-October 30, 2021). The Board discussed the old budget vs. the new and what would need to be included if new Police Chief or Ordinance Officer were needed for the Village as well as utility cost for Community Center (gas bill high as reported previously). There was no action taken.

(3) Discussion and possible action to allocate \$500.00 from the Village funds for the Fall 2020 clean up September 19, 2020. Alderman Dale Conner said that the Village will provide one possibly two dumpsters for the clean-up and the Texas Forest Service is planning on being here with the chipper. The staging will be the same as the last time they were here. Dale Conner stated that volunteers are needed since the older ones cannot do a lot of the labor anymore.

Alderman Ron Driver made a motion to allocate \$500.00 from the Village funds for the clean-up. Alderman Ron Welshans seconded the motion. No one opposed.

There as no Old Business to discuss.

Village requests and comments included a comment by resident Jo Anne Short thanking neighbor Lenny Reynolds for cleaning up the limbs at the bottom of Hill Dr. that the Village volunteers had cut from a dead tree.

Resident Joe Warren asked to be on the agenda at the next meeting to discuss purchasing a 20 ft wide/120 ft long piece of property in between him and Lee Farr's house and his garden on Larchmont Lane in Palisades (it is a dead end road).

Resident Matt Davis asked if anyone knew who he should talk to about getting the deed to property he was granted to purchase a few years back-he never received the deed to the property after granted. Mayor Kiewiet told him that we would have to research the minutes to find out date, etc. and get back with him.

The Mayor's report included Mayor Kiewiet thanking Treasurer Carolyn LaRue with her help since delegating some research to her. He also thanked Alderman David LaRue for mowing and Jerry Lane for his work at the Community Center.

Mayor Kiewiet stated there might be a possible line item on the Agenda in the near future regarding developing issues as PRPC Katie Perkins and the Ordinance Committee are going through the current ordinances and updating/revising them.

Mayor Kiewiet to state progress on current Ordinance complaints. She stated that the second letter to the Bryants gave them 15 days to comply and the deadline was the following day @ 5:00 p.m. and the 2nd letter to Shane Womack had been refused at the U. S. Post Office.

Comments by the Board included more discussion by them on the current situation and how to proceed once residents who got letter are not complying. Discussion on abatement order, lien against property for Village cleaning it up and Justice Court.

Aldерwoman Sherry Simms-Fleming stated in regards to the semis-Randall County had placed a sign stating "No outlet", but that there needed to be a sign at SW corner of the traffic light before they even turn and she has contacted the Texas State Department of Transportation to address.

Aldерwoman Sherry Simms-Fleming made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Ron Welshans seconded the motion. No one opposed. Mayor Kiewiet adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Jo Anne Short



Mayor Brad Kiewiet

