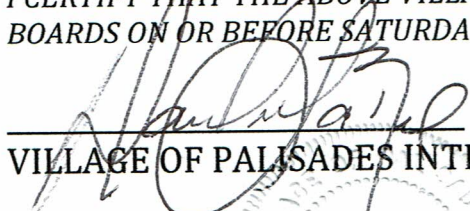


VILLAGE OF PALISADES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021 at 6:30 P.M.
COMMUNITY CENTER
(THE PUBLIC IS ALWAYS WELCOME)

1. CALL TO ORDER:
2. QUORUM CHECK:
3. READING & APPROVAL OF 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 (KELLY WEATHERFORD)
9. FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: (DAVID LARUE)
10. PALISADES CLUB: (DAVID KATCHER)
11. **New Business: (discussion and possible action)**
 - Stickers for ATV's
 - Community Center Projects
 - Community Bulletin Boards
12. **Old Business: (discussion and possible action)**
 - Proposed Ordinance Changes:
Third Reading:
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13. VILLAGE OF PALISADES RESIDENTS' REQUESTS & COMMENTS:
14. MAYOR'S REPORT:
15. COMMENTS FROM BOARD:
16. ADJOURNMENT:

I CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE VILLAGE MEETING'S AGENDA WAS POSTED AT THE VILLAGE BOARDS ON OR BEFORE SATURDAY, APRIL 10th, 2021 AT 6:30 P.M.



VILLAGE OF PALISADES INTERIM MAYOR

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



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CALL TO ORDER: Interim Mayor David LaRue, 6:30 P.M.

QUORUM CHECK: Alderwoman/man Jerry Lane, Dennis Paquette, Sherry Simms-Fleming, Secretary Jo Anne Short was absent.

Interim Mayor David LaRue noticed that the past 3 Special Meeting Minutes had not been approved, due to the Covid 19 Pandemic.

Prior Special Meeting Minutes from September 14, 2020, were held in the Palisades Community Center Parking Lot and were read by the Board. There were no corrections. Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.

Prior Special Meeting Minutes from May 20, 2020, Via Zoom, were read by the Board. There were no corrections. Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion Passed.

Prior Special Meeting Minutes from April 29, 2020, Via Zoom, were read by the Board. There were no corrections. Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes as read with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.

Prior Regular Meeting Minutes from March, 9, 2021 were read by the Board. With corrections changing Police Chief Massey, to Fire Chief Massey, Change all Mayor Pro Tem to Interim Mayor. Correction, change that we DID NOT call Dave Watkins of Texas Commission on Law Enforcement 3x, to Dave Watkins of Texas Commission on Law Enforcement tried calling the Village Fire Department, Fire

Chief Massey's office several times for Village government and somehow got the phone number for Carolyn LaRue. Mrs. LaRue said we were nearly fined \$5,000.00 and a survey had been due that they had not responded to. Mrs. LaRue stated to them that we have not had a Police Officer since Ronnie Rogers, therefore not having to pay this \$5,000.00 fine. Under Palisades Citizen's Request, Secretary Jo Anne Short asked Interim Mayor David LaRue if we were paying Beau currently. She did ask that. The sentence "For how many hours? When? For what calls?" was not asked. The sentence "residents thought Beau Fletcher was our policeman- has been giving reports at the meetings". This was not said at the meeting either. Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the minutes with corrections with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion Passed.

There were no new residents to acknowledge.

Treasurer Carolyn LaRue stated the Village has \$18,237.52 in our checking account as of March 31, 2021 and \$22,055.12 in our money market account. The ordinary income for the Village for the month of March included \$441.09 in property tax collections, \$265.00 in permit income, \$7.24 PRAD refund, \$20.00 in road contributions from Mike and Rhonda Haywood, \$100.00 Community Center rental (2 Party's) for a total of \$833.33.

Carolyn LaRue stated that expenses for the Village for the month of March 2021 included \$14.55 for safety gate light, \$447.00 Randall County Tax Collector, \$52.50 for Office Supplies (New Stationery with updated Village Address-100 Brentwood), \$43.14 for Xcel, \$116.97 Atmos Energy - utilities for the Community Center, \$50.00 Community Center Deposit Rental Refund, \$54.10 TV Bracket for the donated TV from Mike and Rhonda Haywood, for a total of \$778.26 leaving a net income for the Village \$55.07. There was discussion about why the utilities seemed high. We had over a week of low and single digit cold temperatures. Our heating unit is old, but has been checked out and there are no leaks. Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as read with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.

Palisades Fire Chief Dennis Massey stated they have \$9,500.75 in the checking account as of March 31, 2021 and \$5,177.86 in the savings account. They only

had a medical call in the Palisades. Chief Massey said they are still looking for bids for electric door openers on the building and a concrete pad for a possible addition. Then they could possibly get a water truck and the Fire Department could get their ISO rating. We are still in critical fire danger. Please keep your yards mowed, weed eaten, and keep brush and tree trimmed. Don't forget to fill out your Fire Wise Forms. We have 6 Fire Volunteers and could use more. The training classes have been online due to Covid 19. Chief Massey stated that they will start training next week with Randall Co. Fire Dept., Timber Creek VFD, Tanglewood VFD, RCFD, and T.F.S., for Fire Fighter 1 Academy.

Interim Mayor David LaRue read Assistant Fire Chief and Training Coordinator Chris Warren's heartfelt resignation from the Village of Palisades Volunteer Fire Department, effective March 6, 2021, due to moving out of the Village of Palisades. It is a great loss to our community that Chris Warren and his family are moving and will be greatly missed. Fire Chief Massey said working with Chris Warren since 2004 a lot of changes were made to the Fire Department, an addition to the building, new office, a newer fire engine from Amarillo and a brush truck that they use most of the time. Chief Massey wants to continue working on projects for the Volunteer Fire Department.

The Police Report will be deleted off of the agenda unit further notice until we have someone who desires to be our police officer and basically work for free. It is very difficult for us having a police officer when we can't afford to pay them for their time. To pay a police officer for an hour or two a month really does nothing to help the community. Interim Mayor LaRue stated that we have deactivated our police force. For those of you that weren't here last month, we had a call from a gentleman and we were almost in violation of not filing some reports that we did not know about, because they thought we still had a police officer and we were about to be fined \$5,000.00. Carolyn LaRue explained to them that we didn't have a police officer and saved us from getting this fine. There has been a skirmish about Beau volunteering to help us, he does not help us in a Palisades Police roll, but he helps us as a Randall County Sheriff. It would be like if a Randall County Sheriff came to talk to your Sunday school class, or first graders or here at our meeting, to inform about situations that are happening in our communities.

Interim Mayor David La Rue had asked Beau Fletcher fill in on the agenda and speak to us if there is anything worth talking about. This is why we do not see Beau very often at the meetings. It's also difficult for Beau having to keep a folder, so this is why we are deleting the Police Report from the agenda until we have an active police force.

Permits Clerk: Kelly Weatherford issued 4 permits, 2 for Ronnie Driver, 565 Canyon Creek Drive for a portable building and patio fencing, 1 for David Katcher, 109 Preswick Drive for multi load for concrete for his driveway, 1 for Adam Lynn, 320 Canyon Creek Drive for a portable structure, for a total of \$265.00.

Floodplain Administrator: Interim Mayor David LaRue had 1 call from a new resident; John Wick bought the property at 304 Canyon Creek Drive. After visiting with John Wick, Interim Mayor LaRue told him the property is in the "Flood Way", not the "Flood Plain", that there is not a lot you can do. Mr. Wick is in the process of cleaning the property up and is doing a wonderful job. He spent extra days, extra hour, several trailer loads with his buddies cleaning up during our "cleanup weekend." Interim Mayor LaRue has an appointment with his boss, the Randall County Floodplain lady to discuss what all Mr. John Wick will be able to do or not do on his property.

Alderman Jerry Lane said that 86 year old, Mr. Brennon, from Denver bought the lot next to John Wick on Canyon Creek Drive. Mr. Brennon watches and collects moths from all over the United States and enjoys watching them from 9:00PM to Midnight. Mr. Brennon asked if he could have a fire pit and told him no and asked about building a garage or car port and was referred to call Floodplain, David LaRue.

Palisades Club News: President David Katcher said people brought a lot of brush to Washington Park during the "cleanup weekend". Mr. Katcher asked if we could let the community know that Washington Park is not a permanent chipping site. The brush collection was all the way up to the road that goes through where we were pulling in and dumping. There were people bringing brush into the park yesterday after the "cleanup" weekend, opening the gate, not closing and locking it. Interim Mayor David LaRue will rope off the area to make sure we don't get

any more brush and asked Carolyn LaRue to put out a reminder on our Facebook page. The Palisades Club picnic is May 15, 2021, bring a dish.

New Business: Discussion and bids for the ATV stickers were from Bates Wells Advertising \$1.19 each plus \$20.00 set up fee; Jones Press \$1.65 each; Fast Signs \$2.00 each. The Board and Residents were shown the Red Square sample and the Blue round sample. Carolyn LaRue stated we would get a better deal for the Red Square sticker through Bates Wells and will be for 250 stickers (a better price break for 250). Resident Jack Farr asked what our margin would be and we don't know yet. He asked what the advantage is to having an ATV sticker. The advantage is that if we get them for \$2.00 and sell them for \$15.00, it's a small fund raiser to make a little money for the community center, since we operate on such a shoestring budget. It will be on the honor system and you will be able to renew/purchase one every year. Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion for the purchase of the Red Stickers from Bates Wells, with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.

Community Center Projects: Carolyn LarRue stated that taking in consideration our utilities for the rest of the year, we should have around \$1,500 left. Our original budget was \$4,000. We spent \$1,600 on taking the wall out, new flooring, labor and allowing \$800 for utilities for the next 6 months will leave us around \$1,500.

Interim Mayor David LaRue would like to take the flower bed out of the Community Center parking lot. Behind our fire station, there are enough pillars to fill in, to keep semis from tearing up the parking lot. There are weeds growing in this flower bed and broken wires, so by removing this flower bed will improve the looks. Interim Mayor LaRue wanted to see if there were any comments from the Residents or Board since this used to be a church and if anyone had a problem with us removing the flower bed. Alderman Sherry Simms-Fleming said it's hard to see the flower bed at night when parking a car. After discussion, we will go forward in removing the flower bed.

Interim Mayor David LaRue stated that we started on the Community Center projects, then Covid-19 shut us down. We still need to take down the rest of the

wall paper, texture, and paint if anyone would like to get together on some Community Center days. Also, does anyone know of a startup or a small church that we can donate these pews to? They need to be refurbished. They could be sold, but would be nice to go to a church as they were intended. Carolyn LaRue said we could reach out to churches on social media. Interim Mayor LaRue asked the Residents and Board if anyone had a problem getting rid of the pews. After discussion, we will move forward in trying to get the pews out next week. We have talked about tearing out the rest of this old torn carpet and putting in matching flooring. This may finish the budget for the year. If there is no opposition, we will remove the flower bed and the pews. We don't want to step on anyone's toes!

Interim Mayor LaRue had to service the 3 Community Bulletin Boards and stated he was nearly hit standing in the road at the one across from the Salazar's house, the one by Brian Anniss's house is difficult to get to and you block his driveway and the one by the mail boxes, the Plexiglas is so milky, you can't see through it. Interim Mayor LaRue talked to Atty. Will Trevino with TML (Texas Municipal League). For those of you that don't know who TML is, they are paid for by tax dollars and dues. Our dues are \$550- \$580 a year. It's a lobbying organization that looks out for small communities. It keeps big cities from taking advantage of small communities, it's a coop, and it lets us get our insurance cheap. We could never afford insurance from companies such as "Allstate". They represent 2,800 communities in Texas, so it's a coop that lets us all get together with small communities and subdivisions. They represent 98% of municipalities. They have a pool that lets us get our insurance cheap; they provide legal advice when we need it. Interim Mayor David LaRue asked Atty. Will Trevino if there was a legal stipulation that we have to have Community Bulletin Boards. He said that it was totally up to us if we wanted the bulletin boards. Atty. Will Trevino said since we have public media presence, the agenda can be posted on that so we don't need the bulletin boards. The 3 posting places need to go. Having one would be nice under the awning at the Community Center, since everyone does not have social media. After discussion, Alderman Dennis Paquette suggested we have one placed next to the mail boxes because everyone drives up there to get their mail

and people probably wouldn't drive up to the Community Center to read the bulletin. We discussed getting measurements, prices for materials or the price to order a bulletin board. Resident Kelly Weatherford volunteered to donate materials and build the bulletin board. Alderman Sherry Simms-Fleming told Kelly Weatherford she would help with expenses.

Old Business: Proposed Ordinance Changes: Third Reading:

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2. Page 125- Add Pump Permit \$25.00 (this was accidentally omitted from the original Code of Ordinances.) Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept this change with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.
3. Page 93-Remove (f) Slow-moving vehicle emblem. After discussion, Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the change and a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.
4. Page 93- Remove Horn Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the change with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.

Second Reading:

5. Page 48- Removing the subject term "unsightly" from Sec 3.04.001 Declaration of nuisance (Ordinance 2021-1) (A) & (B) Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to accept the change with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Motion passed.

Village of Palisades Residents' Request & Comments:

Resident Jack Farr asked why we added another \$25.00 to the pump fee and why have it. Interim Mayor David LaRue explained that the \$25.00 pump permit is because the trucks weigh so much and keeps you from paying an oversized load permit for \$50.00. Mr. Farr asked if we deleted the truck permit. LaRue stated you still have to have a \$25.00 pump permit instead of an oversized load permit

for \$50.00 and we still have the \$50.00 oversized truck load permit. All of the money from these permits goes toward our roads. Interim Mayor LaRue explained that everyone wants the roads fixed, but we just don't have the money. Jack Farr asked if this "sticker thing" was the law we are stuck with, if we get caught, will we be arrested or pulled over? The ATV sticker is strictly a fund raiser. If you don't want to purchase one you don't have to.

Fire Chief Dennis Massey brought to our attention that we don't have handicap parking spaces in front of the Community Center. Interim Mayor LaRue thanked Chief Massey for letting us know and asked if there was a rule for how many, a size, or a formula to know how many spaces we need, he didn't know. Resident Starla Medlin said we couldn't have the election in the Community Center because it was not handicap accessible, that we needed a ramp and a ramp had to be built at the fire station and a handicap bathroom. Interim Mayor David LaRue asked Fire Chief Massey if we could borrow his fire station for the election.

Mayor Report: There is a ton of people to thank. Before "clean up", Dennis Paquette come and worked an entire weekend rebuilding the Community Center front door to make it work; the frame, new latches, new everything and would not take any money for materials. We had leaves, dirt, snakes and everything coming through the door, before. Darla and Dennis Paquette worked hard on removing the carpet on the front porch, power washing, and major cleaning and even replaced the tattered American Flag, plus adding a Texas State Flag at our Palisades gate entrance!! Darla spent a half a day cleaning decades of tape and gunk off of the mail boxes and they look wonderful. Thank you Darla and Dennis! Jerry Lane received \$250.00 in donations from different business for food we served on April 10, 2021 for everyone that participated in the "Palisades Clean UP". A huge thank you Jerry for the hours you put in going door to door to get these donations. Thank you to the "food crew", Kelli Lane, Darla Paquette, Sherry Simms-Fleming and everyone else that helped. We had 6 roll offs all together. We broke a record by quite a bit. We went over budget a little bit, but people just kept bringing stuff and we just decided we would try to find the money elsewhere, because this was stuff that needed to leave the community and people were kind enough to take advantage of it, that's what we want and that's what the roll offs were there for. We had over 50 people show up for "clean up". It started a little slow, but once it started, we cleaned a bunch of stuff. This was one of the better "clean ups" as far as volume of stuff that was hauled off. Great participation, some people went back to their places and did some things we asked them to do. As Stand In Mayor, I really want to thank

everyone for a wonderful “clean up”. We have large brush piles that have been around a while and will be cleaned up.

Interim Mayor LaRue was in touch with Matt Campbell with “Amarillo Wireless” and he is going to send one of his crew members down to put internet service in our Community Center for free. They are going to give us a little minimum basic package for free. We will mount our donated TV on the wall and when we are going over the reports, you will be able to see what we see, such as the treasure’s report and other reports. If anyone needs wireless service, please call “Amarillo Wireless”. Resident David Katcher said he heard “Suddenlink” was coming to the Palisades and didn’t know how true that is. Interim Mayor LaRue said he didn’t know. “Amarillo Wireless” does our Fire Department for free. Fire Chief Massey said yes, no charge. Matt Campbell said they are in the process of being in River Falls and are coming our way with overhead fiber optics which will be faster than the buried fiber optics. It may be a year or so because it has to go through Lake Tanglewood area first before heading west to us. Fiber Optic internet is headed our way.

Comments from the Board: Alderman Sherry Simms-Fleming wanted to thank our hard working Board for a good job on the “clean up”, all the residents that pitched. We could not have done it without the big team, everybody in this room working to make this a success and it was awesome. It was a great day, we had beautiful weather, and we had fun. Thank you!

Alderman Jerry Lane went around talking to people that really needed help with the “clean up” and got to meet a lot of nice people. He had a couple of phone calls from people needing help. One lady, that has a lot of health issues, we took out 2 trailer loads off of her property. Russell Wilkerson has health issues and we took out 5 trailer loads of brush to the chipping site. Everybody in this room really wants to help to each other.

Interim Mayor LaRue is always asked, “Why don’t we keep a roll off down here all the time”? It’s because they cost \$400 to \$500 and we don’t have the money to do that.

Alderman Dennis Paquette thanked everyone for coming. Dennis Paquette always wants your input and feel free to speak up; even if it's something you think we might not want to hear. He likes the concept that Alderman Jerry Lane used by just asking people if they need help. Everybody knows or has a neighbor that may need help due to physical or health reasons. We just need to ask.

Resident Randy Hooker said there is a new business called "Munch It" on the old Highway 60 across from "Fuller Concrete". They take dimension lumber scraps, fencing, even if it has nails in it, anything but trees and brush because the mulch is used for landscaping. There is no charge to take it. Carolyn LaRue will take Mr. Hooker's "Munch It" business card and put it on our social media.

Voting is May 1, 2021, 7AM to 7PM at Palisades Volunteer Fire Department

Early Voting is April 19 to 23, 2021, 4PM to 7PM

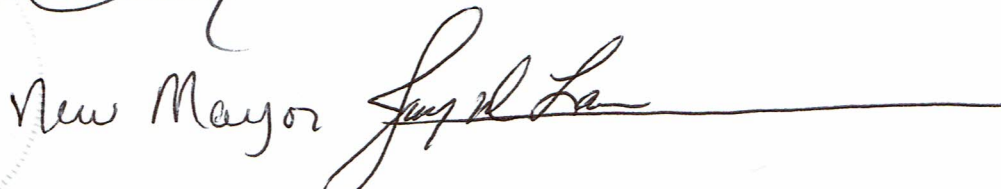
April 26 & 27, 2021, 7AM to 7PM.

Saturday, April 17, 2021, the Texas Forest Service will be chipping the brush we gathered last Saturday. We will be feeding their crew around 11 to 11:30 AM if anyone would like to help. Resident David Katcher said there are logs there in Washington Park that would make great firewood, if you would like to stop and pick some up.

Alderman Dennis Paquette made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Alderman Jerry Lane. Meeting adjourned a 7:18PM.

Respectfully Submitted by Alderman Sherry Simms-Fleming


Interim Mayor David LaRue


New Mayor Jerry Lane

