

Minutes --- REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF NEW BERLIN
CITY HALL, 275 FM 2538
MONDAY, December 19, 2016 --- 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The City of New Berlin convened a regular meeting open to the public on December 19, 2016 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nicholas Milanovich at 7:30 PM.

The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Nicholas Milanovich, Mayor Pro Tem Joyce Wolfe, Alderman Gilbert Merkle, and Alderwoman Claire Walters. Municipal Clerk Gilbert Offer, and City Treasurer Joan Milanovich were also present.

Alderwoman Barbara Gerhart, and Marshal Wayne Zwicke were absent from the meeting. There is one vacancy on the City Board of Alderman.

A quorum was present for the meeting.

Mayor Milanovich led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag and the Texas Flag. He then gave an invocation.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Joyce reported for the Mayor on the NEP meeting since she attended. She said most of the discussion was by CPS concerning energy conservation and solar programs for commercial use. The program for home owners is at the maximum participation planned.

The mayor also reported on the NEP workshop where 11 cities met to discuss various programs pertaining to the Texas Legislature.

The mayor also stated that the New Berlin Christmas program had been cancelled due to various scheduling conflicts.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

No Report from the VFD. The Mayor reported that he did attend the last business meeting for the VFD. The VFD reported that they are now responsible for a 90-square mile area. They had 25 calls in the last month and averaged less than 12 minutes from time of call to being on the scene. This is very, very good for a volunteer fire department where people must respond from where they are at the moment to get to the scene.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

Read and approve minutes for regular meeting November 14, 2016.

Motion to approve was made by Gil Merkle. The motion was seconded by Claire Walters. **Vote to approve was Unanimous.**

Municipal Clerk's Report:

Gil Offer reported that the bulletin boards are in and that the plan is to have them posted at City Hall, Brietzke's Café, and the New Berlin VFD building. They will be placed as soon as time permits.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Read and approve Financial Report November, 2016.

Motion to approve was made by Joyce Wolfe. The motion was seconded by Claire Walters.

Vote to approve was Unanimous.

Treasurer's Report

No Report

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No one signed up to speak. We did have some people who attended. Thank you to those for being here.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. **PLANNING & ZONING**—Meets 2nd Thursday of the month.
No Report. New Committee will be formed in January.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Office)

NEWSLETTER— The newsletter for first quarter is in progress.

OTHER VOLUNTEER

COMMITTEES A.

- LIBRARY—Chairman Needed
- B. CRIME WATCH—Wayne Zwicke, Chairman
- C. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS—
- D. MAPPING AND WEBSITE—Gil Merkle—
- E. ROADS ADMINISTRATOR—
- F. FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR—
- G. ADMINISTRATION/BUDGET CHAIRMAN—
- H. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD AGENDA

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING CITY BUDGET: The budget was reviewed by the Alderman. No changes were made.
Motion to accept budget as is was made by Gil Merkle. The motion was seconded by Joyce Wolfe.
Vote to approve was Unanimous.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING NEXT TOWN HALL MEETING: The date for the next Town Hall meeting is **Thursday March 23, 2017**. We will be able to set up earlier in the day since the entire day is blocked off for the City.
Motion to accept the date was made by Gil Merkle. The motion was seconded by Claire Walters.
Vote to approve was Unanimous.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING RESOLUTION TO CLOSE OLD SCHOOL ROAD IN JANUARY 2017 FOR BARBECUE COOK-OFF: A resolution was written based on a request made by the Barbecue Cook-Off committee to close Old School Road to thru traffic from Thursday January 26th through Sunday January 29th, 2017. The resolution was amended to correct the date approved from December 12th to December 19th.
Motion to accept Resolution as amended was made by Joyce Wolfe. The motion was seconded by Claire Walters.
Vote to approve was Unanimous.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING BOARD OF ALDERMAN VACANCY: The Board did not retire to Executive Session instead opting to discuss a potential candidate in the open meeting. Mayor Milanovich had some discussion with Brian Harris who had expressed an interest in being part of the City Government.

Motion was made to accept Brian Harris pending review for legal qualifications by Gil Merkle. The motion was seconded by Claire Walters.

Vote to approve was Unanimous.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING 2017 TAX ROLL: Gil Offer met with Jamie Osborne and Charlene Link from the appraisal office and answered their current concerns. There are some minor items and the agreement is with Charlene Link to email me the items and we will discuss and make a decision. Work is and has been continuing.

No action taken. Will review again at future meetings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

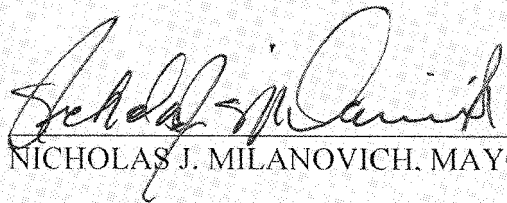
No announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gil Merkle to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Joyce Wolfe.

The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Nicholas Milanovich at 8:05 PM.

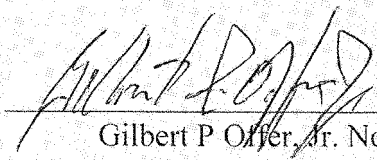

NICHOLAS J. MILANOVICH, MAYOR

STATE OF TEXAS
GUADALUPE COUNTY

Before me, the undersigned, on this day personally the individual(s), known to me or proved to me to be the person(s) whose name(s) is/are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and each acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 16th day of January, 2017.

(Notary Seal)


Gilbert P Offer, Jr. Notary Public

