

PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING  
NEW BERLIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
May 16, 2016 --- 7:30 P.M.

STATE OF TEXAS  
CITY OF NEW BERLIN  
275 FM 2538

**ROLL CALL**

The City of New Berlin convened a regular meeting open to the public on May 16, 2016 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Gilbert Merkle at 7:30 PM.

The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Gilbert Merkle, Mayor Pro Tem Nick Milanovich, Aldermen, Barbara Gerhart and Joyce Wolfe, City Secretary Joan Milanovich, Municipal Clerk Gil Offer and City Treasurer Ruth Zwicke. Alderman Chris Davenport and Claire Walters arrived after call to order but before any business was discussed.

**.PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE—US and TEXAS**

**INVOCATION**

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

"Big Thank you" to Chris Davenport for offering to mow since Herman Doege is unable to do the job at this time. Also a "Big Thank You" to Melvin Strey for weed-eating.

Mike Hale came to the office the week of May 9, 2016 with questions concerning why his property was included in the city.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- A major communications upgrade has been completed. This should allow the VFD to be more responsive to the needs of the citizens
- It was reported that the New Berlin VFD has responded to 85 calls YTD.
- Acquisition of equipment from the previous County Line VFD is complete. It adds approximately an additional 13 square miles to the area. To date, there has been one application for membership. The acquisition of resources from County Line is still in progress.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- Read and approve minutes for regular meeting of April 18, 2016. Motion to accept made by Claire Walters, seconded by Nick Milanovich. The vote was unanimous to accept motion as presented.

**Secretary's Report:**

- Insurance representative Melinda Baggett has reviewed the damage from the storm. A report from her will be forthcoming. The report will be presented at a Board meeting after receipt of document.
- Contacted Apache Disposal to counter proposal from BEST Disposal. Apache met the same cost as BEST so we will stay with them since they wish to be part of New Berlin.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Treasurer's Report**

- Read and approve Treasurer's financial reports for April, 2016. Motion to accept made by Claire Walters, Seconded by Barbara Gerhard. The vote was unanimous to accept motion as presented.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Mike Hale commented on letter sent by him in 2014 requesting various bits of public information. The primary request was for information on annexation of his property and the note that nothing was filed with the county. He did state he was in discussions with Nick Milanovich concerning the issues. Statement from Board was that the Board is conferring with the City lawyer and the city is awaiting a response from her.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PLANNING & ZONING—Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month.** Joni Milanovich, Chairman

- No Meeting was held at the last regularly scheduled meeting since a quorum was not present. Joni reported that Mike Hale has requested to become a member of the committee.
- Mike Hale has requested to be on the committee.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION (Office)**

**A. NEWSLETTER—**Preparing for end of May

- Comments were made to include the July Fireman Fund raiser. Also to include comments over the proposed speed limit change on Albrecht and Old School Roads.

**OTHER VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES**

**A. LIBRARY—**Chairman Needed

**B. CRIME WATCH—**Wayne Zwicke, Chairman

- Wayne commented he has plans to start system. Needs more information on things like liability, etc. Also would like to have agreement on what should be enforced.

**C. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS—**Melvin and Joy Strey, Chairmen

- New basketball pole and backboard system has been selected Proposed cost \$949.99 + shipping. They will also look into providing more playground equipment for small children.

**D. MAPPING AND WEBSITE—**Gil Merkle

- Work is continuing to progress.

**E. ROADS ADMINISTRATOR—**

**F. FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR—**

**G. ADMINISTRATION/BUDGET CHAIRMAN—**

**H. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**BOARD AGENDA**

**1. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ELECTION RESULTS:** Canvassing of Board (not necessary since the election was cancelled; Statement of Officer; Oath of Office given by Secretary and Certificate of Election given by Mayor Merkle.

**Change of Mayoral Duties – Mayor Gil Merkle to Mayor Nick Milanovich**

The following people took the Oath of Office, Nick Milanovich as Mayor, Wayne Zwicke as City Marshal, and Chris Davenport and Claire Walters as Alderman. The Oath was administered by Joan Milanovich. Congratulations to all.

**2. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING FIREARMS IN THE CITY:** Citizens from FM775 near Zuehl Crossing Road will be at the meeting to discuss issues concerning discharging of weapons. No discussion. Ron Collins was to comment to board but had a personal issue arise at last moment and was unable to attend. Comment was made that issue was posed to the City lawyer to investigate what options the City has.

**3. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PARKING LOT:** Have been unable to contact Mike Barker through either email or telephone. Will continue to try. Should consideration be given to second bid?  
No action at this point. Will continue to attempt to contact Mike.

**4. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ALBRECHT ROAD:** Report from Chris Davenport.

Motion to change speed limit was made by Chris Davenport and seconded by Joyce Wolfe. However, motion was tabled and the City Clerk instructed to send letters to residents/ owners on the road to give them the chance to state their opinion.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SPEED LIMIT FOR OLD SCHOOL ROAD:** Report from Chris Davenport.

Motion to change speed limit was made by Chris Davenport and seconded by Joyce Wolfe. However, motion was tabled and the City Clerk instructed to send letters to residents/ owners on the road to give them the chance to state their opinion.

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ITEMS NOTED ABOUT CITY PROPERTY:** Report from Chris Davenport.

Discussion - Gil Offer to take care of capping pipe behind the building. Chris will fill in some of the holes and remove some of the outlets. He will also look into putting a utility box on any electrical or water outlet that are still serviceable. Issue with placement of Flagpole will be addressed after parking lot is completed.

No actions at this time.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Information from the NEP luncheon on May 12, 2016 - Claire Walters  
Comments/ additional notes

- Dr. Bowie, Foundation for Freedom Riders, gave a talk. We may be contacted in the future for a parade in the local area for this.

- There will be a Hot Air Balloon Festival in October this year. It will be held at Retama Park.

**ADJOURNMENT** A motion was made by Joyce Wolfe to adjourn. It was seconded by Barbara Gerhard. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Gil Merkle at 8:39.

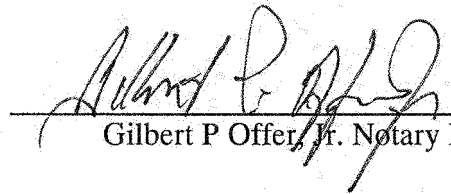
  
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GILBERT R MERKLE, MAYOR

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 7 day of August, 2016.

(Notary Seal)

  
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Gilbert P Offer, Jr. Notary Public

