

**CITY OF NEW BERLIN
CITY HALL, 275 FM 2538
MONDAY, June 20, 2016 --- 7:30 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

The City of New Berlin convened a regular meeting open to the public on June 20, 2016 at City Hall. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Nick Milanovich at 7:30 PM.

The following members of the Board were present: Mayor Nick Milanovich, Mayor Pro Tem Joyce Wolfe, Aldermen, Chris Davenport, and Claire Walters, Municipal Clerk Gil Offer, City Treasurer Ruth Zwicke, and City Secretary Joan Milanovich. Alderman Barbara Gerhart was absent from the meeting.

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

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

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Brief report on meeting with Representative Kuempel requested by Mike Hale to discuss 1985 annexation. No resolution was reached at the meeting.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

- Reminder from audience that the New Berlin VFD's fundraiser is July 9th, 2016. There still are a few tickets.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Read and approve minutes for regular meeting of June 20, 2016. Motion to accept made by Joyce Wolfe, seconded by Chris Davenport. **The vote was unanimous to accept motion as presented.**

CITY CLERK'S REPORT:

- Matter concerning a letter from Mike Hale received June 10, 2016. Gil Offer stated that it was a request to disannex Mike Hale's property from the City of New Berlin.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- We have received \$800 from citizen's tax donations already made in June.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- Read and approve Treasurer's financial reports for May, 2016. Motion to accept made by Joyce Wolfe, seconded by Claire Walters. **The vote was unanimous to accept motion as presented.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Mike Hale made the comment that he had expected the issue of his request to be on the agenda. Nick stated that we are working on his request and need to have more information before proceeding. Nick also stated that he wishes to review this with Gil Merkle who is unavailable (out-of-town). Joyce Wolfe informed Mike Hale that since it was not on the agenda, the Board could not discuss or take action at this meeting.
- Comment was made on Stahl Road repairs. It was noted that Donnie Ayers did the last repair and is unavailable for comment. Chris Davenport stated that he wishes it to be a future agenda item for the Board. He also requested that Board members take a look at the road themselves.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING—Meets 2nd Thursday of the month. Joni Milanovich, Chairman

- No meeting was held in June since a quorum was not present.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Office)

- NEWSLETTER—Completed and mailed July 5th, 2016.

OTHER VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

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

BOARD AGENDA

1. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ALDERMAN VACANCY ON CITY BOARD:**
Fill vacancy on the Board left by Nick Milanovich since he was elected Mayor. Term will be for one year, May 2016 - May 2017.

Motion to appoint Gil Merkle to fill the Alderman vacancy for the remaining term was made by Joyce Wolfe and seconded by Claire Walters. **Vote was unanimous in favor.**

2. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING MAYOR Pro Tem FOR THE CITY:**

Motion to appoint Joyce Wolfe to Mayor Pro Tem was made by Chris Davenport and seconded by Claire Walters. **Vote was unanimous in favor.**

3. **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. **Issue was tabled at last meeting.**

Gil Offer has contacted the City Attorney for more information so what we know what our limitations are. Kathy Klar made comments that they moved to the country to be able to do activities such as target practice and that they are very careful. She also said that a neighbor jumped the fence to complain. They contacted the Sheriff's Office to be sure they were not in violation and were told by the Deputy they were OK. Joyce Wolfe read original letter from land owner making original complaint. Joyce stated that she lives on the same road and the complaints in the letter are unfounded. Chris Davenport stated that citizens should call the Sheriff's Office when an issue occurs. Kathy Klar made a plea to the community to work issues out among themselves. Claire Walters stated that it is an issue not knowing who is shooting and where. She suggested that an item be added to the newsletter about gun safety. Johnny Klar related the story of his neighbor jumping the fence confronting him about dove hunting. He stated that he tried to contact this neighbor many times to work out the issue. He also stated he talked to other neighbors who responded that they were not thrilled by the shooting but had nothing against it. Joyce Wolfe feels that a letter should be sent to original complainant to close the issue.

Motion to table discussion until next month after feedback from the attorney. Motion was made by Chris Davenport and seconded by Joyce Wolfe. **Vote was unanimous in favor.**

4. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PARKING LOT:** Mike Barker has returned the call. He is still willing to do his part but he has been unable to contact his partner. Wayne Zwicke has taken the action to contact Donnie Ayers and that Donnie is ill and it looks like it will be 6 weeks before he can possibly, ^{Donnie} Wayne stated we had 3 bids last time. Mike Barker and Greer Dozing \$11,000 total but was \$4,500 after donations pledged by Mike and Greer. Donnie A. was \$7,000. Scheel was \$12,000.

Motion to table it to give Wayne a chance to work with other people. Motion was made by Chris Davenport and seconded by Joyce Wolfe. **Vote was unanimous in favor.**

5. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING ALBRECHT ROAD:** Report on comments from letter sent to road residents from Gil Offer.

Several citizens showed up to be heard about Albrecht Road and Old School Road. Gil Offer stated that letters were sent to people on Albrecht and Old School, greater concern was safety. People are coming off FM 775 to fast. There is a sign missing but the posted sign is on Albrecht when exiting from FM 775 and it is 20 MPH. Mike Hale said people have run the STOP sign on Albrecht at Linne Rd and have gone through his fence on several occasions. He suggests leaving at 20 MPH. Sign will need to be replaced.

Motion made to leave speed limit at 20 MPH made by Joyce Wolfe and seconded by Chris Davenport. **Vote was unanimous to accept motion.**

6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SPEED LIMIT FOR OLD SCHOOL ROAD:** Report on comments from letter sent to road residents from Gil Offer.

Three letters from residents, Christina Wood, Janie Wallace, and Hazel Hildebrandt being against the change. All felt that due to safety issues with the kids being dropped off/ picked up by the parents, with people parking for the community center, and pedestrian traffic, especially children. Hazel feels the street is not as wide as needs to be for the higher speed traffic. Also there are a lot of people using the road for bicycling, jogging, and walking at all times of the day and night. High offense times are 6-8 AM and 4-7 PM. Janie Wallace also pointed out that there was a weight limit for the road and a sign needs to be placed. Mike Hale stated 94-001 was the ordinance.

Motion made to leave speed limit at 20 MPH made by Joyce Wolfe and seconded by Chris Davenport. **Vote was unanimous to accept motion.**

7. **DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING REQUEST FROM LISA ADAMS, ELECTIONS OFFICE:** They would like to use City Hall for the 2016 November General and Special elections.

DATES: Monday thru Friday, October 24 – 29, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 pm,
Saturday, October 30, 12:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Monday thru Friday, October 31 – November 4, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 pm,
Tuesday, November 8, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Motion to accept their proposal made by Chris Davenport, seconded by Joyce Wolfe. **Vote was unanimous to accept motion.**

Comments/ additional notes

Question was to ask about the possibility of a traffic director, note will be made to Lisa Adams about This.


- 8. **DISCUSSION REGARDING TEXAS S.B. 733 TO CHANGE THE ELECTION FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER:** Texas Legislature passed S.B. 733 authorizes city councils who hold general city elections in May to change to the November uniform election date, provided it is done prior to December 31, 2016. Need to check into comparative costs. Last cost stated was \$4000 to \$6000. Tabled until more information on the costs.

Motion made table it for more information made by Claire Walters, seconded by Joyce Wolfe. **Vote was unanimous to accept motion.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Joyce Wolfe to adjourn. It was seconded by Chris Davenport. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Nick Milanovich at 9:00 PM.

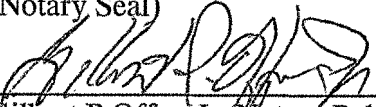


 Nicholas Milanovich, MAYOR

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 18th day of July, 2016.

(Notary Seal)


 Gilbert P Offer, Jr. Notary Public

