

**PROCEEDINGS OF REGULAR MEETING  
NEW BERLIN BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
July 18, 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 July 18, 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 Chris Davenport, Alderwoman Barbara Gerhart, Alderwoman Claire Walters, Municipal Clerk Gilbert Offer, City Treasurer Ruth Zwicke and Records Manager Joan Milanovich. Alderman Gilbert Merkle was absent from 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**

- Fourth of July parade was a fun success. Many people recognized New Berlin and cheered.
- Nick attended the NEP meeting and gave update. Also, Nick will attend regional TML meeting on August 5<sup>th</sup>.
- NEP activity update. M. Musa, a traffic specialist, will be contacting the city to propose studying traffic flows.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- Melvin reported that Kurt apologizes for not being at the meeting but that he is at a fire chief's meeting to discuss mitigation of wild fire. A burn ban is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Guadalupe County Commissioner's Court. Kurt feels that the burn ban will be reinstated at that meeting. At that time no permits will be allowed unless approved by both the New Berlin Fire Chief and County Fire Marshall. The New Berlin VFD took delivery of two donated fire trucks from Kicaster's fire department. One truck is undergoing modifications to be used for wild fires and water hauler. The other truck is being evaluated. The VFD is in the process of upgrading the communication systems. The VFD took delivery of \$47,000 worth of new portable and mobile radio equipment. Other items still need installation to complete system. The VFD has been purchasing bunker gear at cost of \$2-3,000 per person. A new cutoff saw was purchased to allow rapid ingress into metal buildings at a cost of \$1,500. The fire engine that was purchased 'used' about a year ago still has \$45,000 owed. The VFD is looking to pay that off as soon as possible to prevent interest from accruing.

Kurt personally thanks people who purchased tickets to the fundraiser for their support. The annual sausage supper is coming up quickly and that will need everyone's support and help.

Kurt feels we have one of the finest volunteer departments in the state and that the volunteers give their time freely to the community.

Kurt would like to request the City to study a plan to assist the fire department. For every part a parcel the city annexes, the VFD loses funding from the county. At some point in time, a plan to

mitigate the funding will need to be formulated. Just today, he was at a grass fire on Linne Road that started as a controlled burn that went out of control. The fire was contained to ½ acre due to the rapid response of the New Berlin VFD. Mayor Milanovich stated he attended the regular Tuesday VFD meeting and will continue to do so.

### MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- Read and approve minutes for regular meeting of July 18, 2016. Notation made to amend minutes to add word “respond” to sentence 3 in Discussion/Action Item 4. Motion to accept as amended made by Chris Davenport, seconded by Joyce Wolfe. **The vote was unanimous to accept minutes as amended.**

### Secretary’s Report:

- We did get check from insurance company for the hail/wind damage. I will be looking for someone to do the work. Since the work is varied, it will probably be more than one individual to complete all the work. It is not over the limit where we will need to do competitive bids. I request that if anyone had suggestions then to let me know so I can contact them.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

#### Treasurer’s Report

- Read and approve Treasurer’s financial reports for July, 2016. Motion to accept report made by Joyce Wolfe, seconded by Barbara Gerhart. **The vote was unanimous to accept motion as presented.**

### PUBLIC COMMENT

- .Mike Hale commented on his request for disannexation and the alleged illegal annexation of his property.

### 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.
- Next topic will be Planning Zones.

#### PUBLIC INFORMATION (Office)

A. NEWSLETTER—Next newsletter planned for September. Barbara wants to show the election information in the newsletter for when and where the elections will be held. The Early Voting will be at City Hall but the General Election Day will be at the New Berlin Community Center due to parking and congestion at City Hall. Melvin restated what Barbara said about the election and that he had talked to Lisa Adams about the congestion. Gil will call Lisa to clarify.

#### OTHER VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

- A. LIBRARY—Chairman Needed
- B. CRIME WATCH—Wayne Zwicke, Chairman
- C. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS—Melvin and Joy Strey, Chairmen
- New basketball pole is in the ground and will be completed after concrete cures.
  - Will be looking into replacing roof of the covered area in the playground.
- D. MAPPING AND WEBSITE—Gil Merkle
- E. ROADS ADMINISTRATOR—

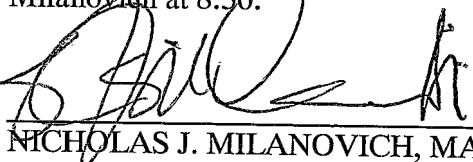
- F. FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR—
- G. ADMINISTRATION/BUDGET CHAIRMAN—
- H. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BOARD AGENDA**

- 1. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PARKING LOT:** We have an additional quote from Russell Faylor for the parking lot. Will be getting more quotes from other local people. **Issue was tabled.**
- 2. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING FIREARMS IN THE CITY:** Gil Offer reported the attorney's comments. Attorney stated that we can make a rule for what is in the City, not the ETJ. Also, making any ruling short of a ban would increase the City's liability risk. **No Action to be taken. Item Closed.**
- 3. 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. **Issue was tabled awaiting more data on comparative costs.**
- 4. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SCHLICHTING AND WALTERS ANNEXATION:** **Issue was tabled until P&Z can meet on the variance and a decision made regarding annexation of the road.**
- 5. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING REMOVAL OF A MEMBER FROM THE P&Z COMMITTEE:** **Issue was tabled pending review of ordinance.**
- 6. DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLETED AND APPROVED BY THE P&Z COMMITTEE:** Copy of the Comprehensive Plan was distributed to the Board members. **Issue was tabled pending review of the material supplied at the meeting.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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 Nicholas Milanovich at 8:30.

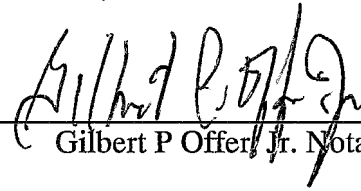
  
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NICHOLAS J. MILANOVICH, MAYOR

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 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2016.

(Notary Seal)

  
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Gilbert P Offer, Jr. Notary Public

