

Minutes --- REGULAR MEETING

CITY OF NEW BERLIN
CITY HALL, 275 FM 2538
MONDAY, August 15, 2016 --- 7:30 P.M.

ROLL CALL

The City of New Berlin convened a regular meeting open to the public on August 15, 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, Alderwoman Barbara Gerhart, Alderwoman Claire Walters, Municipal Clerk Gilbert Offer, City Treasurer Ruth Zwicke and Records Manager Joan Milanovich. Alderman Chris Davenport 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

TML Conference Region 7 meeting was held in Kerrville. Michael Carpenter, Mayor of Schertz, was voted in as Vice President of TML Region 7.

Nick rode with Tom Cook who drove his 1930 Model A antique car in the Marion Sausage Supper Parade with the New Berlin signs on the car. A thank you to Tom Cook.

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT

New Berlin VFD Chief Kurt Strey was present. He reported that due to recent rains, the burn ban is lifted and burning may resume during daylight hours and with the appropriate permit. He stressed that all fires must be out by dark.

Kurt asked for volunteers to help with the Sausage supper. This is an important event for the community since it benefits the VFD and Community Center.

The takeover of additional area from Kicaster VFD is basically complete. This added roughly an additional 14 square miles. It also required an update to the current communication system.

Nick added that he has been going to the meetings and congratulated the VFD on their dedication to duty.

Gil Merkle asked the question of how annexation affects the VFD. Kurt responded that it is difficult to calculate since the formula involves number of calls, number of parcels in area, and a base rate.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes for the regular meeting of July 18, 2016 were presented. A motion was made by Joyce Wolfe to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Gil Merkle. **The vote was unanimous to accept the motion as presented.**

City Clerk's Report:

Reported the cost of speed limit signs for Old School and Albrecht Roads. If all signs (a total of 4) were replaced with 18x24 signs, the cost would be \$282.80. If the signs were replaced with the larger version, the cost is higher. Proposal is to go with the smaller signs.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Reported that we have received \$10,225 versus a budget of \$15,000 year-to-date. Donations for the month of July were \$1,875.

The financial reports for July 2016 were presented. A motion was made by Gil Merkle and seconded by Joyce Wolfe to accept the July 2016 financial reports as presented. **The vote was unanimous to accept the motion.**

Treasurer's Report

Reported that signature list at Marion State Bank have been updated to include the new staff and Mayor.

PUBLIC

Seven citizens were present at the meeting. Six spoke on various topics, see last page for names and topics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Commented on Comprehensive plan about census data and school district data. Also, need feedback from Board as to what changes if any they would like. Second issue on the committee's horizon concerns Land use. Committee is in the discovery stage on this.

PUBLIC INFORMATION (Office)

NEWSLETTER—Targeting 3rd newsletter in September 2016.

OTHER VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

- A. LIBRARY—Chairman Needed
- B. CRIME WATCH—Wayne Zwicke, Chairman
- C. PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS—Melvin and Joy Strey, Chairmen
Still working on the basketball net, setback over wrong hardware delivered
Question over roof on picnic area. Some funding is available. Will look into costing.
- D. MAPPING AND WEBSITE—Gil Merkle
Gil explained the map from Guadalupe Road and Bridge. He also what Extraterritorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) was to the group and citizens in attendance. He gave his plans for the City website.
- E. ROADS ADMINISTRATOR—
- F. FACILITIES ADMINISTRATOR—
- G. ADMINISTRATION/BUDGET CHAIRMAN--
- H. OTHER COMMITTEE REPORTS

BOARD AGENDA

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING PARKING LOT:

Gil Offer reported that the bids received were as follows:

Pat Paiz – Total \$15,000 with material being ~\$9,000 of that.

Ray Budge – Total \$12,600 with material being ~\$9,000 of that.

Scheel Construction – Total \$15,850

Russell Falor – Total \$17,864 with material being \$9,114 of that.

Gil Merkle Requested we touch base with Mr. Barker since a lot of time has passed. Gil Offer will do so.

Gil Merkle made motion to table until contact is made with Mr. Barker. Joyce Wolfe seconded it. Vote was unanimous to table issue.

DISCUSSION REGARDING TEXAS S.B. 733 TO CHANGE THE ELECTION FROM MAY TO NOVEMBER:

Gil Offer reported that the last election held by the City in May 2013 cost \$3,814.5 Lisa Adams, Elections Administrator/ Voter Registrar, Guadalupe County, estimates that today's cost would be 10% to 15% higher. This would put the cost in the range of \$4,200 to \$4,400 today.

If the City decided to move to the November General election time frame, the City would share with all the entities holding an election. Lisa stated there is generally four entities holding elections. The last election November 2015 cost was \$8,440. Assuming that there were 4 entities, the cost would have been \$2,110.

The board was in agreement to make the change. An ordinance will need to be written to revise/extend the terms of all the current elected city official.

Motion was made by Gil Merkle to table item until Ordinance is completed. Motion was seconded by Barbara Gerhart. **The vote was unanimous.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING SCHLICHTING AND WALTERS ANNEXATION:

Discussion centered on how to annex the property. The City would have to annex a small portion of Linne Road to cross over to catch the property.

Motion was made to table it for P&Z review by Joyce Wolfe and seconded by Barbara Gerhart. **The vote was unanimous.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING THE P&Z COMMITTEE ORDINANCE:

Motion made to table ordinance until next meeting by Claire Walters. Gil Merkle seconded it. **Vote was unanimous to table item.**

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMPLETED AND APPROVED BY THE P&Z COMMITTEE:

P&Z Chairperson Joni Milanovich requested feedback from the Board. Gil Merkle asked if changes are complete. Joni explained that several census items were recently incorporated and updated. Gil Merkle's feedback was to just reference to the census data. Gil also stated that the new website would have a link to the Census website.

Motion to table discussion until changes completed made by Gil Merkle and seconded by Joyce Wolfe. Vote was unanimous.

DISCUSSION/ACTION REGARDING 2017 TAX ROLL:

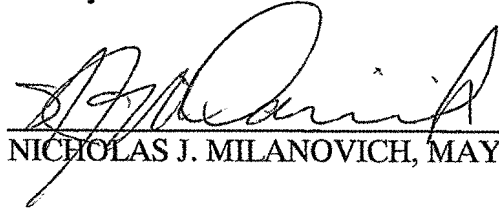
Gil Merkle stated in response to earlier citizen comments that the City is working on a tax. He stated that there are no current plans for a tax. He also explained that since New Berlin does not have a tax, the County appraisal district does not keep the map of the city current. He also explained that the Board would have to approve requesting the County Appraisal district to appraise the properties and that the City would have to approve the funding for doing that. It would also have to be approved by the county appraisal board before work could begin. Claire asked Gil to explain the purpose of requesting the tax roll. Gil Merkle explained that the tax roll is the first step to understand how many properties are in New Berlin and the property values. This is important information to the city to understand that if a property tax was instituted, what the rate would be. Currently a City of New Berlin's type and size would be limited to a maximum tax rate of 0.25%. Joan Milanovich also stated that she feels it would make the sales tax share more accurate.

Claire Walters made motion to table item and Barbara Gerhart seconded it. Vote was unanimous to accept.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Gil Merkle to adjourn. It was seconded by Joyce Wolfe. **The vote to adjourn was unanimous.** The meeting was adjourned by Mayor Nicholas Milanovich at 8:55 PM.



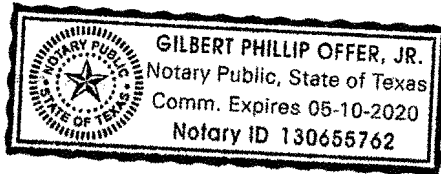
NICHOLAS J. MILANOVICH, MAYOR

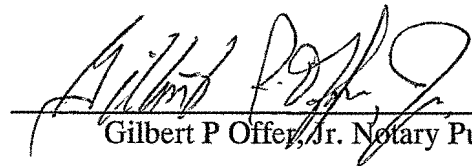
STATE OF TEXAS
GUADALUPE COUNTY

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 19th day of October, 2016.

(Notary Seal)





Gilbert P Offer, Jr. Notary Public

PUBLIC COMMENT SIGN UP SHEET REGULAR MEETING - CITY BOARD

DATE: 8/15/2016

This time is provided for the public to address the City Board on issues or concerns and must be **INFORMATIVE ONLY. NO CITY BOARD DISCUSSION OR ACTION WILL BE TAKEN.** Please add your name to the sign-up list **BEFORE THE MEETING.** Public comment(s) will be limited to 3 minutes per speaker. You will be called upon by the Mayor during the meeting.

Name	Phone #	Topic
✓ Mike Hale	241-6118	Annexation
✓ Sallie Picardola	830 303 9263	YATING
✓ Phyllis Kubena	830-303-3230	City Ordinances
✓ Laraine Romines	(830) 303-7242	Annex
✓ Kathy Hale	241-6118	P&Z
J. Arellano		
Melvin Story	420-3185	Festival