



*Town council meeting
Aug. 3, 2026*

Present: Mayor Chris Lelle; Councilmen, Sally Brown, Sharon Johnson, Mike Camp, Eric Dailey and Doug Koestel; Kathy Bridges, clerk, Jack Samuels, attorney

The meeting opened at 7:05 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eric Dailey made the motion to approve both the regular minutes and the executive session minutes from July 27, Sally Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Doug Koestel made the motion to approve the financials; Sally Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Koestel made a motion to add an executive session for litigation; Sally Brown seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

First on the agenda was the request of Don Loos, a resident of Shepherd's Walk subdivision at 88 Nativity Cove and the Homeowner's Association (HOA) president. Loos requested adding several speed breakers (5) in the subdivision for safety reasons. The Mayor said the issue would be addressed after the HOA meeting on Tuesday.

A business license For Vertex, a home business for construction site cleaning, was approved with a motion by Sally Brown, a second by Sharon Johnson and a unanimous vote.

The council spoke with two homeowners interested in opening farmstands at their residences. Amanda Davidson of 992 David Ave. will sell produce, eggs and baked goods. Elizabeth Hamilton of 11 Star Street will sell baked goods. Attorney Samuels said the UDC would have to be amended to allow farm stands (cottage industries) to operate. He said a public hearing could be planned for the September meeting and recommended the women buy a business license as well.

The council reviewed the updated road bid for Harrison Mill/David Ave. Sally Brown made the motion to go with Option 2, Doug Koestel seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote. Option two totaled \$226,150.

Koestel gave an update on the playground. Eric Dailey made the motion to approve the \$110,769 budget, Sally Brown seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

The Manger Avenue house was up next on the agenda. Sharon Johnson made the motion to veto the Mayor's veto from the July 6 meeting claiming he would not allow the (remodeling)

project to continue without architectural plans. The motion included proceeding with the remodel work. Doug Koestel seconded the motion, and it passed 4-1 with Sally Brown opposed.

Next the council discussed using Rich Atkinson for new developments in Bethlehem while keeping CPL to continue the work they have begun. Doug Koestel moved to override the Mayor's veto from the July 6 meeting [he did not agree with using Atkinson on all new projects] and to move forward on using Atkinson on future projects. Johnson seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

The council agreed to the September meeting on the 14th since the first Monday was Labor Day. The public hearing to amend the UDC to allow farm stands (cottage industries) to operate will be held at that time.

At 8:35 p.m. Sally Brown made the motion to enter executive session for litigation, Sharon Johnson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

At 9 p.m. Eric Dailey made the motion to end the executive session, Sharon Johnson seconded, the vote was unanimous and the meeting was adjourned.