

*Town of Bethlehem*

*Council meeting*

*Jan. 3, 2022 @ 7 p.m.*

Present: Mayor Sandy McNab; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Bryan Bell, Doug Koestel, and Dan Wages; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Ron Bennett

Visitors: Wayne Tuck, Rob Chewning

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with a prayer by Mayor Sandy McNab.

Tommy Buchanan made the motion to approve the December minutes and with a second by Doug Koestel the motion carried unanimously.

New council member, Dan Wages, representing Post 3, was sworn in by town attorney Ron Bennett.

The Mayor opening the public hearing for the Chewning rezone and variances with Attorney Bennett summarizing. The rezone would be from C-1 to C-3, he said, and the variances include the lot size, the height of the building and the setback reduction. The Mayor closed the hearing and a motion to approve the ordinance was made by Bryan Bell and seconded by Doug Koestel. Tommy Buchanan voted for, and Dan Wages voted against. The motion passed.

The council considered the budget resolution and Doug Koestel made the motion to approve and with a second by Tommy Buchanan, the motion carried unanimously.

Wayne Tuck of Walker, Pierce and Tuck, CPAs spoke next with an audit proposal for the town of the years 2020 and 2021. Tommy Buchanan made the motion to hire the firm for 2020-2022 and Dan Wages seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mayor McNab informed the council that Cindy Church, the maintenance person was quitting. He offered to do the job until a new person was hired. Dan Wages was to investigate the option of contract labor.

Wages proposed installing lighting at the playground before the meeting ended at 8:25.