

*Town of Bethlehem
Council meeting
May 2, 2022 @ 7 p.m.*

Present: Mayor Sandy McNab; Councilmen, Tommy Buchanan, Doug Koestel, Scott Morgan, Bryan Bell and Dan Wages; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Brian Dempsey

Visitors: Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Johnson; Morgan Ervin with the Barrow Journal newspaper; Mrs. Scott Morgan and Ken Lewis

The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with a prayer by Mayor Sandy McNab.

The Mayor opened the meeting discussing the issue of the camper on Scott Morgan's property. Councilman Dan Wages gave his opinion that it was in place in 2005 before the city adopted the County Unified Development Code in 2007. He said the issue wasn't on the agenda and no action could be taken until the June meeting.

The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the April minutes and no action was taken.

The park benches and table were first on the agenda. The Mayor said the surface mount kit was not needed because the table didn't have to be mounted in concrete and trailer mounts could be used to secure the tables. Dan Wages made the motion to purchase the wheelchair accessible 8' picnic table for \$1,138.85 and 2- 8' benches for \$1,198.85 each. Bryan bell seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The bucket truck was discussed. Dan Wages volunteered his services for the engine work and said he had a contact for the bucket and boom but needed more information.

Tractor work was discussed next. The Mayor said the shoulder on Harrison Mill by the Allen's house needed to be cut down and some other places needed milling where the shoulder was gone. He said to hire the work out would cost a minimum of \$65 an hour. Dan Wages said the drain on Manger Ave. by his house was stopped up and another on Highway 11 needed work. Wages said he had no problem with the mayor doing the work if he got Jerome Morton, the maintenance man to help him and get experience working with the tractor. Wages questioned whether it was ok for the Mayor to be paid. Attorney Dempsey said the town's attorney Ron Bennett had advised hiring the work out, but the decision was ultimately up to the council.

The Mayor asked if anyone had anything else to discuss and Dan Wages said he wanted the meetings recorded with audio software. He wants microphones for each council member as well as one for a public speaker and the laptop and software needed to do the job. The clerk was directed to get estimates.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

