

*Town of Bethlehem
Council meeting
Nov. 6, 2023*

Present: Mayor Sandy McNab; Councilmen, Eric Dailey, Doug Koestel, Tommy Buchanan and Scott Morgan; Clerk, Kathy Bridges; Attorney Brian Dempsey

Visitors: Beth Buchanan, Jerry and Sharon Johnson

The meeting opened at 7 p.m. with the public hearing on the budget. Councilman Doug Koestel made a motion to increase the rent on the building the town owns (rented to Home Computers) by \$100 a month effective Jan. 1, 2024. Tommy Buchanan seconded the motion, Scott Morgan voted yes, and Eric Dailey sustained from voting. The motion passed.

The regular meeting commenced with a motion to approve the October minutes by Scott Morgan, a second by Eric Dailey and a unanimous vote.

The resolution to adopt the comprehensive plan update was approved by a motion from Doug Koestel, a second by Scott Morgan and a unanimous vote. The resolution to adopt the Uniform Chart of Accounts for local governments was passed with a motion by Scott Morgan, a second by Doug Koestel and a unanimous vote.

The attorney said the Unified Development Codes would be adopted at the December meeting and then documentation should be collected on the 151 Star Street compliance issues. Then the town could cite him and take him to court.

The Mayor said he had found a set of 42" forks for the tractor at Gene & Matt Tractor for \$850.

Doug Koestel gave an update on the Christmas lights project.

Koestel recommended buying a CD each month so that they would mature at different times. He made a motion to purchase a \$150,000 CD out of the general funds and with a second by Tommy Buchanan, the motion passed unanimously.

At 7:55 the meeting adjourned with a motion by Buchanan.