town of bethlehem
LITTLE TOWN UNDER THE STAR

Town council meeting
Oct. 26, 2026

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

The meeting opened at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Mayor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add:

1. Basketball goal discussion
2. Road update
3. Executive session
4. Impact fees
5. 742 Manger
6. Playground restrooms
7. Gravel for Holly Lane

Sally Brown made the motion, Eric Dailey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

First on the agenda was the architectural bids for the 16 Angel Street house. The Mayor had none to present but said they would be ready for the November meeting.

The council discussed adding a basketball goal for teenagers in or near the playground. Sally Brown was to further research the addition which was requested on Facebook.

A road update on the Shepherd Street improvements was presented by the contractor.

The council heard from attorney Samuels about adding impact fees which are charged to developers to pay for improvements to the town's infrastructure. He said the comprehensive plan needed to reflect capital improvements; an ordinance with a fee schedule must be adopted with two public hearings; and the plans are revisited each year.

The council discussed the lot bordering Highway 11 in front of 742 Manger. It was agreed the lot should be cleared, and Samuels was to work up a Request for Proposal.

Sharon Johnson gave an update on the 742 Manger house, and the council discussed rent prices and leases.

The restrooms for the playground were discussed and council agreed to Samuels working up an RFP for the building.

The council agreed to add a $650 load of gravel to Holly Lane.

Sally Brown made the motion to add an IT discussion to the agenda, Dailey seconded and it passed unanimously. The Mayor said a proposal for the town's IT management would be ready for the November meeting.

At 8:10 Sharon Johnson moved to go into executive session for discussion of litigation, Brown seconded and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

At 8:45 Brown voted to end the executive session, Dailey seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Mayor said the final item on the agenda was the sewer issue at the Hagood development and Samuels was working on the issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.