



*Town council meeting  
April 6, 2026*

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

Visitors: Maria Torres, Beth and Tommy Buchanan, Jerry Johnson, Sara and Gregory Nelm of 57 Star St. E and Scott Morgan

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

Sharon Johnson made the motion to approve the March 2 minutes and with a second by Sally Brown the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Brown made the motion to accept the financials, Doug Koestel seconded and the motion carried by unanimous vote.

Johnson made the motion to amend the agenda to add playground equipment. Brown seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Latin American Auto Salvage license renewal was first on the agenda. Maria Torres, representing the company, said she had been operating the business since 2007. Attorney Samuels said the business license should be grandfathered in and the clerk was directed to renew the license.

Credit card policy and rates were next discussed. Koestel made a motion to charge 3 percent on credit cards across the board, Johnson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimously in favor. Brown made the motion to accept the credit card policy with the 3 percent charge added, Koestel seconded the motion and the motion passed by unanimous vote.

The Mayor ok'd the upgrade for the current lawn service-STS- to include the playground in their work. This increased the bill from \$340 to \$575.

The home occupation business license for Edrum LLC, a home business consulting company, was approved with a motion by Koestel, a second by Mike Camp and a unanimous vote.

The council discussed the code violations. Attorney Samuels said Walter Osario was no longer the code enforcement officer and a new one would be sworn in.

The Paving RFP advertisement was to be published in the legal organ on April 8 and 15 and the RFPs were posted on the website.

The deannexation of 951 Monroe Hwy. will require town approval, Samuels said.

The council discussed the sign permit for the ministry going into the old Bethlehem Elementary School. Samuels said a text amendment could be added to the Unified Development Codes to make the process easier.

The council agreed to not allow the Bethlehem First UMC to buy the town's excess fence panels and lastly the council discussed playground equipment. Doug Koestel was to prepare a proposal for adding equipment.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.