

STATE OF TEXAS §
 COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
 CITY OF PALESTINE §

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas, convened in a Special Meeting on August 3, 2010, at 5:30 PM, in the City Manager Conference Room at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, with the following members present:

BOB HERRINGTON	:	MAYOR
ADAM HARDING	:	COUNCILMEMBER
VICKEY L. CHIVERS	:	COUNCILMEMBER
JAMES H. YELVERTON	:	COUNCILMEMBER
STEVE PRESLEY	:	COUNCILMEMBER
R. DALE BROWN	:	CITY MANAGER
JANELLE WILLIAMS	:	CITY SECRETARY

Councilmembers Baird and Denmon were absent; a quorum of the City Council was present.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Herrington called the Special Meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

DISCUSSION OF PROPOSED 2010-11 BUDGET

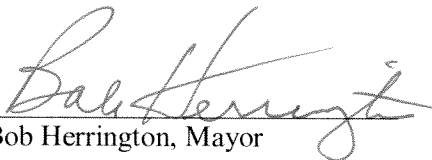
Finance Director Bobby Pennington led discussion regarding the proposed budget. Topics of discussion included: no supplemental packages are proposed in the general fund; salaries to be frozen as of October 1, 2010; workers compensation and unemployment not being funded this year due to a healthy fund balance; and no employee layoffs are being proposed. A budget cut analysis was presented to Council.

The Council advised staff on ideas for the upcoming budget year: think about things that could go into the mall; think of tourists and how to attract overnight guests; how to get another big box store; improve airport services to attract planes; schools could host events; pull from the heritage market and bid on venues for events; be more selective with businesses that come into the city, more quality businesses, and taxpaying businesses around the loop.

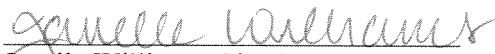
Finance Director Pennington advised Council that Keep Palestine Beautiful has requested that the city contribute \$8,000 for graffiti abatement. Council directed staff to add this item to the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.


 Bob Herrington, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Janelle Williams, City Secretary