

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, June 9, 2008 at 5:30 PM, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

- CAROLYN SALTER : MAYOR
- KATHI MASONHEIMER : COUNCILMEMBER
- VERNON DENMON, JR. : COUNCILMEMBER
- VICKEY L. CHIVERS : COUNCILMEMBER
- JAMES H. YELVERTON : COUNCILMEMBER
- ANDREA BAIRD : COUNCILMEMBER
- STEVE PRESLEY : COUNCILMEMBER
- R. DALE BROWN : CITY MANAGER
- RONALD D. STUTES : CITY ATTORNEY
- TERESA HERRERA : DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY

All City Council Members were in attendance. A quorum of the City Council was present.

**CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING 5:30 PM**

Mayor Salter called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:50 PM.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Wade Hobbs of Trinity Valley Community Church, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

There was no public recognition.

Pat Davis addressed Council by reading a letter she had written regarding the Senior Citizen Building located on Kickapoo Street.

Jack Herrington addressed Council regarding Meals on Wheels.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Salter reported that she and Council Members Masonheimer and Baird attended a TML Workshop on Texas Cities and Their Youth with the intent that the City Council will get a Youth Advisory Board started for Palestine.

Mayor Salter advised that she has spoke with the district attorney, chief of police, sheriff, city municipal judge, and will speak with the county judge about avenues to address the graffiti issue. The city has already passed a graffiti ordinance, and the code enforcement officers are actively trying to get the graffiti off the buildings as quickly as possible. Crime Stoppers has issued a \$1,000.00 reward; the number to call is (903) 729-TIPS.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

- 1) Monthly Departmental Reports
  - a) Municipal Court
  - b) Main Street

City Manager Dale Brown advised Council that members of Staff were available for any questions regarding the departmental reports submitted.

**OPEN BIDS****Demolition of Substandard Structure (Bid #B2008-12)**

Seven proposals were received and opened:

Danny Netherland	\$47,200.00
Coleman Services	\$73,000.00
Tex-American Recycling	\$31,211.25
Andy Neumann	\$66,000.00
D.E.A.A. Corporation	\$47,651.00
Burnett Trucking	\$61,000.00
A & R Demolition	\$33,200.00

**Water Treatment Plant Force Main (Bid #B2008-13)**

Six proposals were received and opened:

Absolute Industries Inc.	\$112,268.75
Duplicchain Contractors	\$151,725.00
Doughtie Construction Co., Inc.	\$151,510.00
7H Construction Co., Inc.	\$156,280.00
McKinney & McMillen LLC	\$179,780.00
AAA Sanitation	\$179,187.50

Senior Center Services (#RFP-2008-14)

One proposal was received and opened:

Meals on Wheels of Palestine Inc.

Capgemini Texas Capital Fund Project-Gillespie Road Improvements (Bid #B2008-15)

Three proposals were received and opened:

Doughie Construction Co., Inc.	\$457,983.00
Longview Bridge and Road, LTD	\$404,838.00
Simon Traylor's & Sons, Inc.	\$361,991.50

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1) Consider Award of Bid for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (Bid #B2008-10)
- 2) Consider Award of Bid for Town Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant-Headworks and RAS Pumps Improvement Project (Bid #B2008-11)
- 3) Minutes of the Worksession and Regular Meeting of April 28, 2008

Motion was made by Council Member Baird, seconded by Council Member Masonheimer, to approve Consent Agenda. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

**REGULAR AGENDA**Consider Rate Increase for Emergency Medical Services as Requested by Palestine Regional EMS

Palestine Regional Medical Center EMS Director John McMeans presented the Council with a rate increase schedule for emergency medical services. Motion was made by Council Member Presley, seconded by Council Member Yelverton, to approve the new rate schedule for emergency medical service within the city limits as provided by Palestine Regional Emergency Medical Services. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and First Reading of Resolution for Façade Improvement Grants

PEDC Board Member Larry Harris presented First Reading of Resolution for Façade Improvement Grants.

Discussion and First Reading of Resolution for The Cartmell Home Project

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Discussion and First Reading of Resolution for J-3 Real Estate Infrastructure Grant

Mayor Salter presented First Reading of Resolution for J-3 Real Estate Infrastructure Grant.

Discussion and First Reading of Resolution for a Revolving Loan for Prestige Ventrues, LLC

Mayor Salter presented First Reading of Resolution for Prestige Ventrues, LLC.

Consider an Agreement to Participate in the Cost of Construction of Public Improvements with Jon C. Gregg, Gregg LP Addition

Motion was made by Council Member Denmon, seconded by Council Member Yelverton, to authorize the city manager to enter into an agreement to participate in the cost of construction of public improvements on behalf of the city with Jon C. Gregg, Gregg LP Addition. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Accepting a Proposal for Professional Services for the Design of the Offsite Sanitary Sewer to Serve the Gregg LP Addition

Public Works Director Sullivan addressed Council and recommends accepting the proposal from Velvin & Weeks to design and prepare the bid packet for the offsite sanitary sewer line to serve the Greg LP Addition. Motion was made by Council Member Presley, seconded by Council Member Baird, to accept proposal from Velvin & Weeks to design and prepare the bid packet for the offsite sanitary sewer line to serve the Grep LP Addition and to authorize the city manager to enter into a contract with Velvin & Weeks in the amount of \$34,000.00 for the design of this project. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Accepting a Quote to Extend Sanitary Sewer to Serve Outlot 3 of the Walton Subdivison

Public Works Director Sullivan presented Council a quote to extend sanitary sewer to serve Outlot 3 of the Walton Subdivision. Motion was made by Council Member Presley, seconded by Council Member Yelverton, to authorize Staff to amend the budget for this project by \$26,945.00 and authorize the city manager to accept McKinney & Moore's quote of \$26,945.00 for the extension of a sanitary sewer line to serve Outlot 3 of the Walton Subdivision. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider a Resolution Declaring Support for Texas Main Street Program Preserve American Grant Application

Mayor Salter presented the resolution to Council. Motion was made by Mayor Salter, seconded by Council Member Masonheimer, to adopt **Resolution No. R-15-08** declaring support for the Texas Historical Commission's Preserve American Grant application to

fund "re-resource" teams for Texas Main Street Program. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance Approving Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2007-08

- a) CLG Grant
- b) Engineering Office Supplies and Gasoline
- c) Development Services Postage

Finance Director Pennington presented the ordinance to Council. Motion was made by Council Member Baird, seconded by Council Member Masonheimer, to adopt **Ordinance O-51-08** approving budget amendments for Fiscal Year 2007-08. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Presley advised that The Lone Ranger will be held on June 20, 21, & 22, 2008 out of the Rusk Depot.

Councilmember Masonheimer reported that Taste of Palestine will be held on July 10, 2008 at the Civic Center from 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and the Chamber of Commerce will hold an Energy Expo and Job Fair at the Civic Center on September 12 & 13.

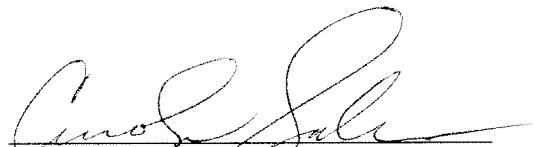
Mayor Salter handed out a survey to each Council Member from Trinity Valley Community College and encouraged them to fill it out. The college wants feedback from the community.

Councilmember Baird informed that she looks forward to the Council working together to form a Youth Advisory Board.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by Councilmember Chivers to adjourn. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Salter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

  
 CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
 TERESA HERRERA, DEPUTY CITY SECRETARY