

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Worksession and Regular Meeting on Monday, July 28, 2008 at 4:30 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
JIM YELVERTON	:	COUNCILMEMBER
ANDREA BAIRD	:	COUNCILMEMBER
STEVE PRESLEY	:	COUNCILMEMBER
R. DALE BROWN	:	CITY MANAGER
JANELLE WILLIAMS	:	CITY SECRETARY
RONALD D. STUTES	:	CITY ATTORNEY

Councilmember Chivers was absent; a quorum was present.

#### **WORKSESSION – 4:30 PM**

Mayor Salter called the worksession to order at 4:30 PM.

Sanitation rate increases were discussed by Council and Tony Cain of Allied Waste Services, which would include a three percent across the board contract increase and \$1.39 per customer fuel surcharge.

Council goals for the upcoming fiscal year were discussed.

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird to adjourn. The worksession was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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

Mayor Salter called the regular meeting to order at 5:34 PM.

#### **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Clinton Bass of Christ Community Church, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

The Tourism Quarterly Hospitality Award was presented to Dr. Michael Gorby for his contributions and love for the City of Palestine.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brenda Walker asked Council to consider supporting the Meals on Wheels program.

### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Salter thanked Beth Foley of the Palestine Herald-Press for her article on the Youth Advisory Council.

Mayor Salter reported that board positions expire at the end of September, and advised that anyone interested should go to the city website or contact the city secretary's office to fill out an application.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

City Manager Brown advised that budget workshops are planned for August 4<sup>th</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.

### BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Masonheimer, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to appoint Will Hatch to the Main Street Advisory Board to replace Judge Bascom Bentley. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

### REGULAR AGENDA

Consider a Resolution Suspending the August 8, 2008 Effective Date of Oncor Electric Delivery's Requested Rate Change to Permit the City Time to Study the Request and to Establish Reasonable Rates

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to adopt **Resolution No. R-21-08** as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Discuss Encouraging the Use of Solar Energy and Alternative Energy Sources Inside City Limits and Other Opportunities for "Greening" Palestine

Oncor Representative Brenda Walker discussed options for solar and alternative energy sources.

Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract with Wheeler Pump Company in the Amount of \$75,000 for the Repair of Raw Water Service Pump and Motor #1 at the Raw Water Pump Station

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to award the work to Wheeler Pump Company with the contingency of \$110,000.00 for a new pump plus freight, if the cost to rebuild is greater than \$75,000.00. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance for a Zone Change Request from I-2 (General Industrial District) to C-3 (General Retail Commercial District), a 6 Acre Tract in Volume 1722, Page 640 of the Anderson County Deed Records

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to table the zone change at the request of the developer. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance Approving Budget Amendments for fiscal year 2007-08

Motion was made by Councilmember Masonheimer, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to adopt **Ordinance No. O-64-08** approving budget amendments for hospital lift station, raw water pump station, and records management. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance Prohibiting Improper Disposal of Litter

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to adopt **Ordinance No. O-65-08** prohibiting the improper disposal of litter. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

**ITEMS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilmember Presley thanked Beth Foley and the Palestine Herald-Press for publishing an article on the railroad. He reported on upcoming events for August and September, and advised that ridership is rising.

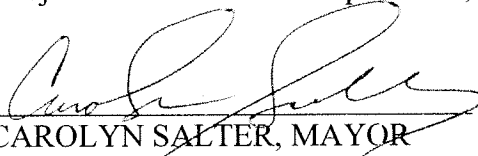
Councilmember Denmon reported that the disabled veterans meet Tuesdays on Gardner Drive from 9 AM to 2 PM.

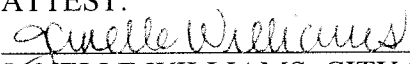
Councilmember Masonheimer reported that a Partners meeting will be held on August 7<sup>th</sup> with business owners in downtown to discuss plans for Christmas in Main Street. She also reported that the East Texas Energy Expo will be held on September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Palestine Civic Center.

Councilmember Baird reminded everyone to be careful in school zones. She advised that Keep Palestine Beautiful is looking for volunteers.

**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

  
CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:  
  
JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY