

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, August 11, 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
- JIM YELVERTON : COUNCILMEMBER
- ANDREA BAIRD : COUNCILMEMBER
- STEVE PRESLEY : COUNCILMEMBER
- R. DALE BROWN : CITY MANAGER
- JANELLE WILLIAMS : CITY SECRETARY
- RONALD D. STUTES : CITY ATTORNEY

All Councilmembers were in attendance; a quorum was present.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING 5:30 PM

Mayor Salter called the regular meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Eric Musil of Palestine Church, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Mayor Salter read aloud a Muscular Dystrophy Association proclamation.

Court Administrator Michael Ohrt recognized Janelle Williams for attaining certification as a Level II Court Clerk.

Dr. Michael Gorby announced winners of the first annual Deann Evans Award, Detective Charles Steen and the Palestine Public Library Staff.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Salter thanked Ben E. Keith and Kathi Masonheimer for the certified retirement community banner.

Mayor Salter advised that the city attorney has been working on revisions to the animal control ordinance, and will go to the Health Advisory Board for review before being presented to Council for approval.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORTMonthly Departmental Reports

Police

Municipal Court

Fire

Library

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

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to appoint Howard Piquet and Charles Gurganus to the Parks Advisory Board. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to appoint Robert Leslie to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDADiscuss and Adopt Proposed Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2008-09 and Schedule Public Hearings on Proposed Tax Rate

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to hold public hearings on a proposed tax rate on August 25 and September 2, 2008. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Yelverton, to adopt a proposed tax rate of 0.63900/\$100 for fiscal year 2008-09. Upon a roll call vote, motion passed as follows:

AYES – Salter, Masonheimer, Denmon, Chivers, Yelverton, Baird, Presley

NAYS - None

Consider an Ordinance Approving Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2007-2008

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to adopt **Ordinance No. O-66-08**, approving airport budget amendments as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Sanitation Rate Increase from Allied Waste Services and Extension of Agreement to September 30, 2009

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Yelverton, to authorize the City Manager to complete an amendment to the Solid Waste Services Agreement with Allied Waste to provide for a fuel cost increase and extend the agreement to September 30, 2009. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Chivers reminded everyone to be careful in school zones.

Councilmember Presley reported that the Lone Ranger will be coming back to the Texas State Railroad in Rusk.

At 6:08 PM, Mayor Salter announced that Council was going into a Closed Session, pursuant to Texas Government Code Section 551.087 to discuss personnel.

CLOSED SESSION

Follow Up on Annual City Manager Performance Evaluation

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

At 7:25 PM, Mayor Salter reconvened the Council into open session.

Take any action necessary resulting from Closed Session relative to Annual City Manager Performance Evaluation

No action was taken on this item.

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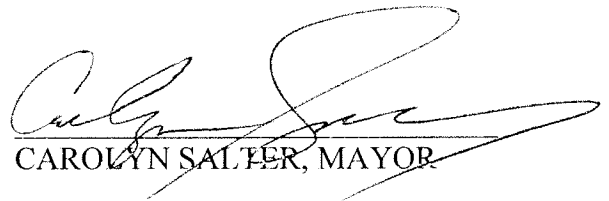
Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:25 PM. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

WORKSESSION

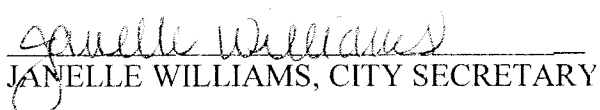
Discuss Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Council and Staff discussed moving Animal Control from Development Services to Police Department.

The worksession was adjourned at 7:56 PM.


CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY