

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 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

All Councilmembers were in attendance; a quorum was present.

WORKSESSION

Joint Worksession of City Council and Palestine Economic Development Corporation to Discuss the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-09

Mayor Salter called the worksession to order at 4:45 PM.

The PEDC budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 was reviewed and discussed by the Council PEDC members.

Mayor Salter declared the worksession recessed at 5:35 PM.

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Salter called the special meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Consider an Ordinance Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2008-2009

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird, seconded by Councilmember Yelverton, to adopt **Ordinance No. O-72-08** approving the budget for fiscal year 2008-2009. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance Providing for the Assessment, Levy and Collection of Ad Valorem Taxes for 2008, for the Maintenance and Support of General Government

(General fund), and for Payment of Accruing Interest and Providing for Debt Service of Bonded Indebtedness

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Yelverton, to adopt **Ordinance No. O-73-08** providing for a Maintenance and Operations Rate of \$0.594432, an Interest & Sinking Rate of \$0.044568, and a Total Tax Rate of \$0.63900 for 2008. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider a Resolution Ratifying the Property Tax Increase as Reflected in the 2008-2009 Budget

Motion was made by Councilmember Chivers, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to adopt **Resolution No. R-24-08A** ratifying the property tax increase as reflected in the 2008-2009 budget. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Declaring Animal as Surplus Property and Authorize City Manager to Dispose of in an Appropriate Manner

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to declare the animal as surplus property and authorize the City Manager to dispose of by selling to the current owner. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

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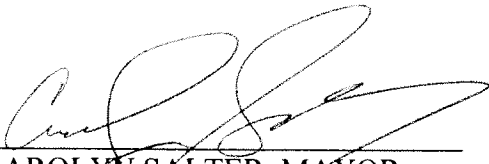
Motion was made by Councilmember Baird to adjourn. Mayor Salter declared the Special Meeting at 5:45 PM.

WORKSESSION

Council reconvened into the worksession at 5:55 PM.


Discussion of the PEDC budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 continued. Areas of discussion included the need for a new water tower and truck lines on South Loop 256.

Motion was made by Councilmember Chivers to adjourn. The worksession was declared adjourned by Mayor Salter at 7:00 PM.



CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY