

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, September 22, 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
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.

WORKSESSION – 4:30 PM

Mayor Salter called the worksession to order at 4:35 PM.

City attorney fees for fiscal year 2008-2009 were discussed. Council directed Staff to look at ways for efficiency in legal fees and better ways to utilize the city attorney.

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton 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 5:32 PM.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Utilities Director Robert Sedgwick, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC RECOGNITION

Driver Brent Boyd was commended by the Council for driving 1 million miles with a perfect safety record in the same vehicle for United Parcel Service, for which he has achieved national recognition.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Fred Brandt commented on proposed improvements to Reagan Park.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearing on zone change request from RE (Residential Estate) to I-1 (Light Industrial District) and I-2 (General Industrial District), Highway 79 Annexed Area
Mayor Salter opened the public hearing. With no one requesting to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Public hearing on Texas Community Development Block Grant Program

Sherry Tarrant of Traylor & Associates provided an overview of the grant program. Mayor Salter opened the public hearing. Councilmember Denmon spoke in favor of the grant program. With no other speakers, the public hearing was closed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Salter provided a report on Hurricane Ike. She thanked Staff members Robert Sedgwick, Ron Sullivan, Warren Oakley, Bobby Pennington, Carol Herrington and other Library staff members, for their exemplary actions during the hurricane.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Jim Batiker of Freese and Nichols, Inc. provided a presentation on the need for the South Pressure Plane Elevated Storage Tank and Hydropneumatic Pump Station, and the need of water and sewer lines around Loop 256.

Departmental Reports for Development Services and Tourism were provided. A report of City Attorney Fees was also provided.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to approve board reappointments listed below. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

- Ronald K. Jarrett, Dr. Robert Pate and Randy King to Airport Advisory Board
- Bob Stech, Judith Somerville and Charlene Hutchinson to Arts Advisory Board
- George Torma, Donald Brown and Donna Freeman to Building and Standards Commission
- Dr. Leroy Mathis and Brandon Seat to Health Advisory Board
- Julie Abston, Chris Gouras, Linda Williams and Daniel Dyer to Historic Landmarks Commission
- Peggy Wyatt to Library Advisory Board
- Will Hatch, April Johnston, Richard Farris, Sr. and Versalean Logans to Main Street Advisory Board
- John McDonald to Parks Advisory Board
- Dan Davis and Jamie Kraft to Planning and Zoning Commission
- Sam Aryanpur, Sameer Bhatt, Lynn Scribner and Fran Lindsey to Tourism Advisory Board
- Edwina Miller and Janis R. Harris to Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals

Motion was made by Councilmember Masonheimer, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to approve new board appointments as listed below. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

- Diane Davis to Health Advisory Board to replace Ross Williamson

- Bob Bess to Main Street Advisory Board to replace Larry Harris
- Kurt Herrington to Zoning Board of Adjustments and Appeals to replace Mike Thomason
- Albert Holmes to Texas State Railroad Authority to replace Wesley Holloway

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Consider Award of Bid for Water/Wastewater Chemicals (Bid #B2009-01)
- 2) Consider Award of Bid for Road Materials (Bid B2009-02)
- 3) Minutes of the Worksession and Regular Meeting of July 14, 2008
- 4) Minutes of the Worksession and Regular Meeting of July 28, 2008

Motion was made by Councilmember Masonheimer, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to approve Consent Items 1 through 4 as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider Adoption of Reagan Park Master Plan

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to adopt the Reagan Park Master Plan in four phases of development, as presented by Consultant Mark Spencer. Upon vote, motion passed 4 to 2, with Councilmembers Denmon and Chivers voting nay and Councilmember Yelverton not present for the vote.

Consider Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into a Contract for New Medical Network Provider and Stop Loss Insurance

Motion was made by Councilmember Chivers, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to authorize the City Manager to contract with Access Direct Platinum (ADP) for PPO Network Provider and Mutual of Omaha for Stop Loss Insurance. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider zone change request from RE (Residential Estate) to I-1 (Light Industrial District) and I-2 (General Industrial District), Highway 79 Annexed Area

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to adopt **Ordinance No. O-74-08** approving the zone change request as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Application

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmor, seconded by Councilmember Yelverton, to adopt **Resolution No. R-25-08** applying for 2009-2010 Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Community Development Grant and authorize the Mayor to act in all matters in connection with this application. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Reauthorization of the Contract with Potter-Minton for Legal Services

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to reauthorize the agreement for legal services for fiscal year 2008-2009 with Potter-Minton. Council directed the City Manager to evaluate ways to make utilization of the

city attorney more efficient, and to report back on the second meeting in October. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Presley reported that due to Hurricane Ike, the Lone Ranger has been postponed to October 4th and Thomas the Tank to October 24th and 25th. He also reported that the railroad is gearing up for holding events every weekend.

Councilmember Denmon requested that the compost site hours be extended for another week for clean up after Hurricane Ike. He commented that new signage going up in the city looks good and thanked staff for their efforts.

Councilmember Masonheimer reported that the Energy Expo is rescheduled for November 14th and 15th due to Hurricane Ike. She advised that the Oktoberfest is coming up.

Councilmember Chivers expressed thanks that there were no casualties in our community due to Hurricane Ike.

Mayor Salter expressed thanks to the Police and Fire Departments, First Responders, Emergency Management Coordinator Randall Shoulders, Library Director Carol Herrington, Palestine Herald Press, KYYK and KBHT Radio Stations, Heather Hrebec and Sonya at the Civic Center, and all Library volunteers for their service during Hurricane Ike.

Councilmember Baird reported that the city-wide clean up day will be held on October 18th.

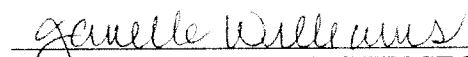
ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon to adjourn at 8:05 PM. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.



CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY