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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, April9, 2009 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 present; a quorum of the Council was present.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The invocation was given by Steve Neel of Grace Bible Church, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Dora Wilmore with East Texas Council of Governments commented that the Honors Mentoring Program is in need of mentors and mentees.

Hugh Summers demonstrated lighting options for the trees on Spring Street.

Mayor Salter congratulated Brian Malone on his new position with Athens Economic Development Corporation.

Mayor Salter commented that she and five Youth Advisory Council students participated in the state YAC meeting. She advised that the YAC board has eleven vacancies, and the youth are doing a search for board members.

Mayor Salter commented that both the cable and phone companies have been sold. She reported of numerous complaints regarding cable television service. She advised the public to direct complaints to the City Secretary's office.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Departmental Reports for Library, Police, Fire, Municipal Court, and Development Services were provided.

CONSENT AGENDA

1) Consider a Resolution Appointing Election Workers for the May 9, 2009 City Officer Election
2) Consider Approval of Lease/Purchase of Backhoe Loader and Authorize City Manager to Execute an Agreement
3) Consider Accepting Quote from PENCCO, Inc. for Hydrofluosilicic Acid and Authorize City Manager to Execute Agreement

Motion was made by Mayor Salter, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to approve Consent Items 1 through 3, adopting **Resolution No. R-9-09,** as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR AGENDA

Update from Frontage Services, Inc. regarding progress of Construction of Solid Waste Transfer Station

City Manager Dale Brown provided an update on progress of construction of the solid waste transfer station. He advised that the city has received the contract with Anderson County, but has not received the quitclaim deed yet. He reported that Frontage Services is already in design, and will be ready to construct as soon as the permit is changed. The Council advised the City Manager to check on the deed and report back at the next meeting.

Consider an Agreement with Palestine Economic Development Corporation for City Management of the Design and Construction of a Stormwater Detention Facility in Willowcreek Business Park

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to approve the cost participation contract with PEDC and authorize the City Manager to sign the agreement in the name of the city. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Final Plat of Palestine Nursing Center Addition, Block 1, Lot 1

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to approve the final plat of Palestine Nursing Center with the following conditions: (1) the developer's construction and the City's acceptance of the required public improvements; or (2) the developer providing the city with assurance, approved by the City Attorney that guarantees construction of the required improvements. The value of such assurances shall be based on an estimate of the cost to construct all public improvements, as determined by the developer's engineer and approved by the City Engineer. Assurance shall take the form of performance and payment bonds, cash deposits, certificates of deposit, in the name of the city irrevocable letters of credit, or other forms as may be approved by the City Attorney. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider Approval of Tree Lighting on Spring Street
Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to table tree lighting on Spring Street. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Upcoming Activities and Report on Attendance at Texas State Railroad
Councilmember Presley advised that the Texas State Railroad was featured in Texas Highways Magazine. He reported on upcoming activities at the Texas State Railroad including Easter Beagle, Lone Ranger and the Little Engine That Could.

East Texas Council of Governments Meeting Update
Councilmember Baird reported on the following:

- ETCOG is currently working on their website
- The ORCA grant resolution was approved, but did not list scoring points; they will hold another public hearing and are working to determine scoring criteria.

Palestine Independent School District Bond
Councilmember Baird reported on the poor condition of PISD schools. She encouraged parents to take a tour of the school and to support the bond.

Mayor Salter reported that two remaining tour times are April 21st at 3:30 PM and April 28th at 7:00 PM beginning at Sam Houston School. She advised that Channel 3 will be showing a video of the tour as well.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon to adjourn. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously. Mayor Salter declared the meeting adjourned at 6:22 PM.

CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY