

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, May 11, 2009 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

**WORKSESSION – 4:30 PM**

Mayor Pro Tem Andrea Baird called the worksession to order at 4:30 PM.

Visitors present from Palestine Economic Development Corporation were Brian Malone, Karen Flores, Caroll Boyd, Larry Harris and Bob McKelvey. Steve Vierck, President of Angelou Economics, provided a final presentation of the PEDC Strategic Plan.

Motion was made by Councilmember Yelverton to adjourn. The worksession was adjourned at 5:25 PM.

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

Mayor Salter called the regular meeting to order at 5:40 PM.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Anderson County Arts Council member and local artist Patsy Irons commented that the Arts Council sees itself working with other boards to promote Palestine to enhance great things of the city.

Ray Arnold commented on the current thinning project at the Community Forest, reporting that a bald eagle was spotted at Upper Lake, and due to dogwood trees not being flagged, mature dogwood trees have fallen victim to the thinning project.

### **PUBLIC RECOGNITION**

Mayor Salter read aloud proclamations for Tourism Week and Water Awareness Month.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Salter thanked members of Council, Staff, and board and commission members for making a great effort to serve the city well during her tenure as Mayor.

Mayor Salter advised that she will be resigning at the Council meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.

### **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

City Manager Brown reported that the YMCA will be hosting the East Texas Food Bank Summer Feeding Program at Steven Bennett Park. He added that the program will run from July 1 through August 21 from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Monday through Friday, and is available for all Palestine youth from the ages of 1 to 18.

### **OPEN BIDS**

The following bids for Gasoline and Diesel Fuel (Bid #2009-12) were received and opened:

<u>Company</u>	<u>Constant Price</u>	
Ryder Oil Company, Buffalo, Texas	.28 Gasoline	.29 Diesel
Spender Distributing Company, Palestine, Texas	.27 Gasoline	.28 Diesel

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

#### Consider Approval of a Professional Services Contract for HOME Program and Authorize the Mayor to Execute an Agreement for Services

Motion was made by Councilmember Masonheimer, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to authorize the Mayor to execute a professional services contract with Gary R. Traylor & Associates for 2008 HOME Program Contract #1001008 as presented by Michael Ohrt. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

#### Consider Authorizing City Manager to Advertise and Receive Bids for Solid Waste Collection Services

After discussion, motion was made by Mayor Salter, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to authorize the City Manager to advertise and receive bids for the collection of solid waste and recyclables with changes to the bid document to include: (1) rolloff containers, (2) \$500,000 and \$1 million performance bonds, (3) fuel surcharge limitations, (4) liquid drippings containment, (5) age of vehicles, and (6) may change term of contract to five years with a two year extension. Upon vote, motion passed 5-2, with Councilmembers Denmon and Yelverton voting nay.


**ADJOURN**

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon to adjourn at 7:05 PM. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.



CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:



JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY