

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas, convened in a Special Meeting on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 5:30 p.m., in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, with the following members present:

DR. CAROLYN SALTER	:	MAYOR
KATHI MASONHEIMER	:	COUNCILMEMBER
VERNON DENMON, JR.	:	COUNCILMEMBER
ANDREA BAIRD	:	COUNCILMEMBER
JAMES H. YELVERTON	:	COUNCILMEMBER
STEVE PRESLEY	:	COUNCILMEMBER
R. DALE BROWN	:	CITY MANAGER
JANELLE WILLIAMS	:	CITY SECRETARY

Councilmember Chivers was absent from the meeting. A quorum of the City Council was present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 98-90, 98-91 AND 98-93 TO INCREASE RATES FOR WATER SERVICE, WASTEWATER SERVICE AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION SERVICE

Finance Director, Bobby Pennington, presented Council with options for water, wastewater and refuse service. A brief discussion of the options presented followed. Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Baird, to adopt Option D for water, wastewater and refuse service, to provide for a street sweeper and operator. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-41-07

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2007-2008

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, to adopt the budget for fiscal year 2007-2008, as amended with Option D. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance No. O-39-07

CONSIDER AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ASSESSMENT, LEVY AND COLLECTION OF AD VALOREM TAXES FOR 2007

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird, seconded by Councilmember Yelverton, that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.608362/\$100 for the maintenance and operations portion of the tax rate. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Masonheimer, that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.030638/\$100 for the debt service portion of the tax rate. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Baird, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, that property taxes be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.63900/\$100. Upon a record vote, motion passed with the following vote:

AYES- Presley, Yelverton, Baird, Masonheimer, Salter, Denmon

NAYES - None

Ordinance No. O-40-07

CONSIDER A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PROPERTY TAX INCREASE AS REFLECTED IN THE 2007-08 BUDGET

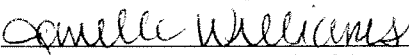
Motion was made by Councilmember Presley, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to adopt **Resolution No. R-22-07**, ratifying the property tax increase as reflected in the 2007-2008 budget. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Councilmember Denmon to adjourn. Mayor Salter declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 PM.


CAROLYN SALTER, MAYOR

ATTEST:


JANELLE WILLIAMS, CITY SECRETARY