

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. for the Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, and at 5:30 p.m. for the Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Mayor Therrell Thomas; Mayor Pro Tem Vickey L. Chivers; Councilmembers Vernon Denmon, Jr., Joseph Thompson, Doug Smith, and Steve Presley; Public Works Director Tim Perry, City Secretary Teresa Herrera, and City Attorney Ronald Stutes.

Other staff present: Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, Communications Manager Laura Westgate, and Building Official Mark Miers.

Mayor Pro Tem Chivers arrived at 4:38 p.m. Councilmember Harding was absent for the work session and regular meeting.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Thomas called the work session to order at 4:30 p.m.

Discussion regarding amendments to Section 22-41 and Section 22-44 of the Palestine Code of Ordinances adopting the 2012 Edition of the International Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition of the International Mechanical Code, and 2012 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code with local amendments

Building Official Miers presented a summary of the significant changes to the 2012 Edition of the International Plumbing Code, 2012 Edition of the International Mechanical Code, and 2012 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code including: 1) drinking fountains are not required for an occupant load of 15 or fewer and for business and mercantile occupancies with an occupant load of 15 or fewer, service sinks are not required; 2) 403.2 Separate Facilities – where plumbing fixtures are required, separate facilities shall be provided for each sex with one exception that separate facilities are not required in mercantile occupancies in which the maximum occupant load is 100 or fewer; 3) 416.5 Tempered Water for Public Hand-washing Facilities – Tempered water shall be delivered for public hand-washing facilities through an approved water-temperature limiting device that conforms to ASSE 1070 or CSA B125.3; 4) 504.7 Required Drain pan – where a storage tank-type water heater or a water storage tank are installed in locations where leakage of the tanks or connections will cause damage, the tank or water heater shall be installed in a galvanized steel pan having a material thickness of not less than No. 24 gage, or other pans approved for sure use; and 5) 304.10 Clearances from Grade – Equipment and appliances installed at grade level shall be supported on a level concrete slab or other approved material extending not less than 3 inches above adjoining grade or shall be suspended not less than 6 inches above adjoining grade. Council directed Staff to inform the public of the new rules that are being adopted through all media sources and to create flyers with the current information to hand out to contractors as they obtain permits for construction.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 5:19 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Mayor Thomas, and was followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC RECOGNITION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lucinda Presley thanked City for help with Beesley Exhibit to make the exhibit possible. There were nearly 1,000 people who came to visit the exhibit. They are working on another exhibit for the fall.

Mount Vernon AME Church was recognized for ongoing efforts to restore their historic church sanctuary, resulting in inclusion to Preservation Texas' 2015 Most Endangered places list, which brings state and nationwide attention to the historic significance of the church as one of the oldest standing AME buildings within the State of Texas. Tabitha Enge and Theresa Hamilton-Roberts were present to represent the church.

Citizens on Patrol were recognized for their \$1,600 donation to Police Department to purchase body cameras for CID. COP President Diane Davis presented the check to Chief Alexander.

Mayor Thomas read aloud proclamation for National Library Week, Theresa Holden accepted the proclamation.

Mayor Thomas recognized students from Palestine and Westwood School Districts for contributing art to be displayed at City Hall. Mayor selected his favorite art at random. Kelsey Hafner from Palestine and Jordan Ricks from Westwood received the award.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Thomas expressed that he would like to see that the arts program grow within the City.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Presley reported on the following activities at the Texas State Railroad:

- Steampunk Express train on April 24, April 25, and April 26 departing from the Palestine Depot

Councilmember Denmon invited the public to take part in the South End Preservation Community Meeting event scheduled for May 1 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at Palestine High School.

Mayor Pro Tem Chivers reported on the following community events:

- Early voting starting April 27th
- Coffee with a Cop on May 22nd
- Thanked the public for their donations for the families of Woodside Village Apartments
- U.M. Army will be in town in the summer and they will be helping those in need of small repairs

Councilmember Smith reported on the following:

- COP will hold a classes from April 21st through June 30th
- Palestine Community Theatre will be performing the musical, "Mary Poppins" audition will be held in May

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Community Services Director Crouch provided an update on Angel of Grief donation. He added that it is one of six replicas in Texas of the 1894 sculpture. The sculpture was donated by Joe and Anne Coleman to be placed Veteran's Park. Community Services Director thanked Joe and Anne Coleman for the donation and Councilmember Thompson and his brother, Chris, who donated the use of heavy equipment to move the statue.

Police Lt. Jeff Powell presented statistics about the 2014 Police Department arrest and call response. Lt. Powell explained that this is the first year that they have done a comprehensive type of report. Chief Alexander encouraged the public to contact him if they an issue with any of the Police Officers in order to address the issue. Also, the Police Department should be fully staffed by August 2015.

Council was provided with City Attorney Fees information. Departmental reports for Municipal Court, Fire, Library, Public Works, Economic Development, Facility and Mall, Police CID, and Police Patrol 2014 Annual Report were provided.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

Consider appointment of Linda Dickens to fill unexpired term to place 6 to the Palestine Economic Development Corporation replacing Odell Magee

Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Presley, to approve the appointment as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. Mayor Thomas thanked Odell Magee for his years of service on the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Consider a Resolution appointing Election Workers for the May 9, 2015, City Officer Election
- 2) Consider approval of the sale of property located at the South West intersection of S. Loop 256 and Old Elkhart Road

Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Chivers, to approve the Consent Agenda approving **Resolution No. R-04-15** and **Resolution No. R-05-15** as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously. Councilmember Presley was not present for vote.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider an Ordinance adopting the following construction codes with amendments being effective May 1, 2015. 1) the 2012 Edition of the International Plumbing Code; 2) the 2012 Edition of the International Mechanical Code; and 3) the 2012 Edition of the International Fuel Gas Code

Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve **Ordinance No. O-11-15** as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance approving a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Main Street

Main Street Manager Laura Westgate explained that this was revenue earned through the operation of the ice rink and needs to be transferred to cover expenses incurred by other departments. HOT funds covered the tent rental. Councilmember Presley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to approve **Ordinance No. O-12-15** as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

Consider an Ordinance approving a Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2014-2015 for Main Street

Main Street Manager Laura Westgate explained that this was not a budgeted expense and needed approval to move money from sales to cover the expense. Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Presley, to approve **Ordinance No. O-13-15** as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Thomas announced that Council would go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 551.072 regarding real estate. The time was 6:29 p.m.

1. Discussion of possible sale of City owned real estate

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

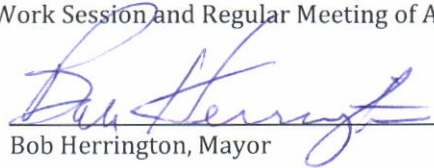
Mayor Thomas reconvened the Council into open session at 7:13 p.m.

Councilmember Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Denmon, to open up the possible sale of Site A at Palestine Mall for a minimum of \$600,000. Councilmember Presley explained that the site was appraised which indicated that the property had a fair market value less than what the City is requiring for the property. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

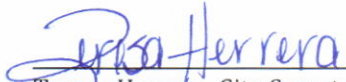
ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF JUNE, 2015.


Bob Herrington, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

