

8THE STATE OF TEXAS §
COUNTY OF ANDERSON §
CITY OF PALESTINE §

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a work session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. for the work session in the City Hall Conference Room at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Mayor Pro Tem Adam Harding; Councilmembers Mitchell Jordan, Joseph Thompson, Doug Smith, and Steve Presley; City Manager Wendy Ellis, and City Secretary Teresa Herrera.

Other staff present: Admin. Asst. Nan Brock, Utilities Director Robert Sedgwick, Public Works Director Tim Perry, and Fire Chief Alan Wilcher.

Councilmember Jordan arrived at 4:07 p.m. Mayor Bob Herrington and Councilmember Vickey L. Chivers were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Harding called the work session to order at 4:00 p.m.

Discuss of proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

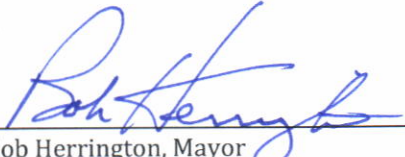
City Manager Ellis led discussion. The following are concerns presented by Council:

- Councilmember Presley questioned \$60,000 payment for the Capgemini building. This was an Interlocal agreement with the City and County to pay \$60,000 a year and the County is no longer paying their share. Council directed City Manager to have PEDC Director Manskey to add the item to their board agenda.
- The status of the grant for the fire truck was questioned. City Manager Ellis answered that Staff is still waiting on response.
- Council questioned \$37,000 in line item 010-5-610-2063 (Special Activities.) City Manager Ellis answered that the money covers, the Eggnormous Easter Egg Hunt, the 4th of July Firework, and other additional activities. Parks had requested money to host a Hershey Walk and she informed that she did increase their budget by \$2,000 for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- Council would like to increase line item 010-5-710-8050 (Library Books) to \$77,000, if not possible this year it needs to be increased next fiscal year. Council directed the City Manager to gather information to see if the Library could be its own department and not under Community Services. Council needs to know what additional expenses would be incurred due to the change.
- Council talked about moving retail operations and facility maintenance under Public Works.
- Council directed the City Manager to provide new and old organizational charts. Therefore, they are able to see all the changes being made.
- Council directed the City Manager to inform employees that the City is paying up to 80% of their family's' health insurance plans.
- Council asked for status on the Trane Project. City Manager Ellis answered that Utilities Director Sedgwick was working on that project and would relay his findings to Council.

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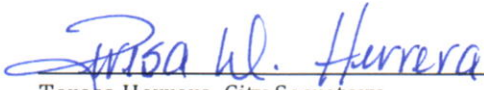
With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 12th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2015.



Bob Herrington, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

