

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, March 13, 2017, at 5:00 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 Bob Herrington; Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Thompson; Councilmembers Will Brule, Mitchell Jordan, Doug Smith, and Steve Presley; Asst. City Manager Michael Hornes, City Secretary Teresa Herrera, and City Attorney Ronald Stutes.

Other staff present: Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, Public Works Director Tim Perry, Finance Director Steve Groom, and Deputy Public Works Director Felipe Garcia.

Councilmember Vickey L. Chivers was absent for the Work Session and Regular Meeting.

WORK SESSION

Mayor Herrington called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

Discuss revised cost of a second signal and cross arm at Magnolia and Spring Street Railroad crossing in the amount of \$39,635.50.

Public Works Director Tim Perry provided an update regarding the revised cost. Council directed Staff to provide a report at the next meeting with amounts of contributions pledged and collected.

Discuss proposed dates for Town Hall meetings for Special Election on Sales Tax.

Asst. City Manager Michael Hornes led the discussion. Staff is proposing the that Council hold Town Hall meeting for Special Election on Sales Tax on the following: Thursday, March 30 at City Hall, Thursday, April 13 at PISD, and Thursday, April 20 at WISD.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Herrington called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by Officer Eric Smith, and was followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

No action taken.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC RECOGNITION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Police Officer John Dougherty was recognized for his promotion to Corporal and he was pinned by his wife Irene Dougherty.

Mayor Herrington read aloud National Women's Month Proclamation, accepted by Library Director Theresa Holden. She informed that a display honoring local businesswomen will be at City Hall and Jean Mollard will be part of the display.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No action taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Herrington reported on a phone call he received. He informed that tree trimming is a necessary evil and the tree company has the right to trim 10 feet at the right-of-way to prevent limbs from falling on the

power lines. The caller informed that an arborist will evaluate the trees within the historic district to prevent the trees from being damaged. Also, he reminded everyone not to plant trees underneath power lines.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Councilmember Presley informed that TSRR is running. Current operator is still out of compliance and TSRA is putting out a RFP for a new operator.

Councilmember Smith provided information regarding Palestine Community Theatre Spring production BINGO – The Winning Musical.

Mayor Herrington reminded everyone of the Spring Cleanup Day on Saturday, March 18 and Dogwood Trails Parade on Saturday, March 25.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Assistant City Manager Hornes informed Council that Department Directors were present to address Council's questions or concerns regarding reports in Council's packet.

Police CID, Web, Development Services, Library, Finance Sales Tax Remittance Update, and Fire reports were provided.

Councilmember Brule asked Fire Chief Davis to explain good intent calls, service calls, and hazardous condition calls. Fire Chief Davis explained the difference in calls.

Councilmember Smith asked about the Library Book Sale. Library Director Holden answered that the book sale will held on Saturday, March 18th at Palestine Mall.

Mayor Herrington pointed out that sales tax are low and during budget sales tax were estimated a little higher than actual numbers and if this continues to occur changes will need to be made prior to the new budget.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Consider approval of minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016.
- 2) Consider a Resolution appointing Election Workers for the May 6, 2017, City Officer Election.
- 3) Consider approval of Invoices over \$25,000. Finance Director Steve Groom

Consent Item No. 1 was pulled for discussion and Consent Item No. 2 was pulled for a later meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to approve Consent Item No. 3 as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 6-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 12, 2016.

Councilmember Brule made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, to approve the minutes with correction on page 2 of 6 under Public Comments, Public Recognition, and Announcements "Firefighters" needs to be "Firefighters." Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Consider expenditure in the amount of \$63,077 to purchase one ton pick-up truck and one half-ton pick-up truck from All Star Ford.

Deputy Public Works Director Felipe Garcia provided a summary. The trucks being replaced are a 1992 and 1994 models and he informed that the trucks are completely wore out.

Mayor Pro Tem Thompson made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Brule, to approve expenditure as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Herrington announced that Council would go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 551.072 regarding deliberation regarding real property (the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property), and Section 551.071 to consult with city attorney. The time was 6:01 p.m.

- 1) Update on pending litigation (*City of Palestine v. Jerry Lasa*, Cause No. DCCV16-359-349, 349th District Court, Anderson County).
- 2) Update on Mall Pad Sites and other negotiations.

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

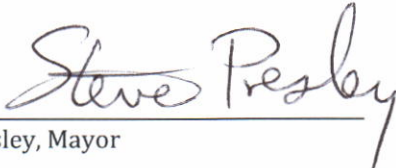
Mayor Herrington reconvened Council into open session at 6:52 p.m.

No action taken.

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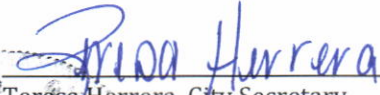
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PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 22ND DAY OF MAY, 2017.



Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

