

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Work Session on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 8:00 a.m., in the Motel 6 Conference Room, at 1101 East Palestine Avenue, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

- Steve Presley, Mayor
- Mitchell Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem
- Larissa Ray Loveless, Councilwoman
- Joe Baxter, Councilman
- Dana Goolsby, Councilwoman
- Ann Connor, Councilwoman

- Michael Hornes, City Manager
- Teresa D. Herrera, City Secretary

Others present: Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, Public Works Director Tim Perry, PEDC Director Gayle Cooper, Police Chief Andy Harvey, Asst. Police Chief Gary Rayford, Captain Mark Harcrow, Sgt. David Kassaw, Quality of Life Officer Joe Tinsley, Communications Officer Nate Smith, Library Director Theresa Tongio-Holden, Computer Instructor Hilda Moeller, HR Manager Susie Streb, Benefits Coordinator Courtney Herbrough, and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Councilwoman Vickey L. Chivers. Councilmember Jordan arrived at 8:08 a.m.

WORK SESSION

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the work session to order at 8:01 a.m.

Update on progress of Finance Department

Mary Morgan, Interim Finance Director, provided a summary of the progress of the Finance Department. She stated that new processes had been put in place, including reconciliation of seven months. Also, internal controls of credit card payments have been implemented.

Discussion of Proposed Budget and Strategic Goals for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

Interim Finance Director Morgan and City Manager Hornes presented the following property tax rates:

	M&O	Per \$100 I&S	Total
Current Rates	0.56782	0.150921	0.718741
FY 2018-2019 Effective Rate	0.576771	0.119649	0.69642
Rollback Rate (Before Adjustment)	0.643066	0.119649	0.762715
Additional Sales Tax Adjustment	0.047633		
Adjusted Rollback Rate	0.595433	0.119649	0.715082
Proposed Rate	0.595433	0.119649	0.715082

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan left at 9:22 a.m.
The general fund revenues and expenditures were discussed.

Recess from 10:03 a.m. to 10:14 a.m.

Lance Clemens with Gallagher presented an overview of health insurance renewal options, renewal financial executive summary, 2019 other strategic options, and 2018-19 renewal timeline. He explained that because of the shorter plan year, fully funded options presented considerable challenges. Therefore, a self-funded option for nine months to get the health insurance on a fiscal-year basis has become the best option.

The following departmental budgets were discussed: City Council, City Manager, City Secretary, Legal, Human Resources, Accounting, Information Systems, Central Warehouse, Facility Maintenance, Fleet Maintenance, Interfund activities, Public Safety, Public Works, Community Services, and reserve to Fund Balance.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 11:49 a.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 27TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2018.


Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

