

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 Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, at 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Steve Presley, Mayor
Mitchell Jordan, Mayor Pro Tem
Larissa Ray Loveless, Councilwoman
Vickey L. Chivers, 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, Tourism Marketing Manager Mary Raum, Communications Officer Nate Smith, and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: none.

WORK SESSION

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the work session to order at 10:01 a.m.

Mayor Presley recessed the work session at 10:01 a.m.

Mayor Presley reconvened the work session at 11:45 a.m., and informed that the Council will take a 45 minute recess for lunch.

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley reconvened the work session at 12:33 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan returned at 12:39 p.m. and Councilwoman Chivers returned at 12:54 p.m.

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

City Manager Hornes led the discussion. The following revenues and expenses were discussed for Utility Fund, Sanitation Fund, Hotel Occupancy Tax Fund, Palestine Economic Development Corporation, and Retail Fund.

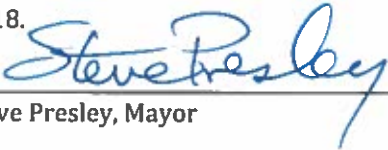
Tourism Marketing Manager Mary Raum presented an overview of the HOT Funds budget and every event, program, or facility funded with hotel occupancy tax revenues must do two things: 1) directly promote tourism; and 2) directly promote the convention & hotel industry. New budget items for Marketing are \$25,000 for Wayfinding Signage and \$5,000 for Historic Preservation Study. New budget items for Performing Arts Center (PAC) \$300 for rental supplies, \$30,000 for Performing Arts Contracts, and \$20,000 for sound & light equipment. Council expressed that do not want to continue to fund the PAC because there is no return on the money being spent on the building. City Manager Hornes asked for direction from Council regarding funding for PAC.

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan stepped out at 1:04 p.m., and returned at 1:41 p.m.

PEDC Director Gayle Cooper presented an overview of Palestine Economic Development Corporation budget. The budget includes \$30,000 for blight removal to assist with demolition of homes, \$250,000 for infrastructure assistance, and \$30,000 for downtown assessment.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 10TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2018.



Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

