

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in an Emergency Meeting on Thursday, August 2, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., in the City Hall Council Chambers, 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.

EMERGENCY MEETING

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

Discussion and possible action on fully insured medical and pharmaceutical health plan through BlueCross BlueShield for FY 2018-2019.

Due to an increase of unforeseen and unforeseeable magnitude in the existing employee health plan costs for the next year, it has become necessary to make a choice whether to convert to a fully-insured health plan; the deadline for this decision is less than 72 hours away. As a result, a reasonably unforeseeable situation requiring immediate action by the City Council has been created, requiring an emergency posting with less than 72 hours' notice as permitted by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

City Manager Hornes explained that a decision must be made by Friday because of shifts in calculations that will be made to the stop-loss and he gave a brief overview of the plan.

Lance Clemens with Gallagher presented an overview of health insurance renewal option.

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Loveless, to approve the fully insured medical and pharmaceutical health plan through BlueCross BlueShield of Texas for FY 2018-2019. Upon vote, motion carried 5-2 with Councilman Baxter and Councilwoman Goolsby voting nay.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

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


Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:


Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

