

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, January 29, 2018 at 1:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Steve Presley, Mayor  
Doug Smith, Mayor Pro Tem  
Will Brule, Councilmember  
Mitchell Jordan, Councilmember  
Joe Baxter, Councilmember  
Ann Connor, Councilmember

Michael Hornes, City Manager  
Teresa D. Herrera, City Secretary  
Ronald D. Stutes, City Attorney

Others present: Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, Public Works Director Tim Perry, Finance Director Steve Groom, Communications Officer Nate Smith, and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Councilmember Vickey L. Chivers.

**WORK SESSION**

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the work session to order at 1:00 p.m.

Discuss Charter Review Committee recommended changes to the charter.

Council discussed the following sections of recommended changes by Charter Review Committee: Section 3.6 and Section 3.7, Sections 4.0 thru 4.10, Sections 5.0 thru 5.9, Sections 6.0 thru 6.7, Sections 7.1 thru 7.17, and Sections 8.1 thru 8.10. City Council directed the city attorney to draft alternative language for Section 3.6 regarding receipt of gratuities prohibited for the next work session. The majority of Council agrees that Council should not be compensated for serving on Council but decided to leave the compensation increase recommended by the Charter Review Committee and requested that an option be added to allow the mayor or councilmembers to decline the compensation.

Discuss potential future uses of the Palestine Civic Center.

Council discussed the potential future uses of the Civic Center. With the direction from Council, Staff went out for bids for the sale of the Civic Center and no bids were received. City Manager Hornes explained that Staff will continue to market the building with minimum cost to maximize the City's investment. The Civic Center could be used as Regional Training Facility and is waiting for additional information. He added that the Civic Center bookings have increased. Counsel for the Texas Hotel & Lodging Association will host the "Legal and Effective Use of the Local Hotel Occupancy Tax" seminar on February 22nd at 5:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers.

Discuss sports complex.

City Manager Michael Hornes explained the sports complex needs to be open to all organizations. Parks Advisory Board is revising the current guidelines for Athletic Complex; their goal is to make changes that will help better the complex as well as allow other organizations to use the facility.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 23RD DAY OF APRIL, 2018.

Steve Presley  
Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Herrera  
Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

