

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, April 30, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., in the Motel 6 Conference Room, at 1101 East Palestine Avenue, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Steve Presley, Mayor
Doug Smith, Mayor Pro Tem
Mitchell Jordan, Councilmember
Vickey L. Chivers, Councilmember
Joe Baxter, Councilmember
Ann Connor, Councilmember

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

Others present: Public Works Director Tim Perry, Finance Director Steve Groom, and Communications Officer Nate Smith.

with the following member absent: Councilmember Will Brule. Councilmember Jordan arrived at 9:53 a.m.

WORK SESSION

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the work session to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Council discussed the proposed Mission Statement: To provide exceptional levels of service by working, enhancing the quality of life for our citizens. Also, vision statement and core values were discussed. The results from the online survey were presented and discussed. Council's 20 year vision is to attract more business and more work force development, while preserving our historic heritage and natural beauty. Allocate resources necessary to tackle the immediate long term needs, infrastructure (streets and utilities), public safety, and quality of life. Council would like to be completely out of debt within 20 years.

Council discussed stricter enforcement of City codes and the City needs to lead by example by keeping City owned property clean and well kept. Revitalizing downtown and working with developers to have additional housing in the City.

Public Works Director Perry discussed the budget needs for streets.

The Council recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the work session to order at 12:45 p.m.

Councilmember Jordan returned at 1:10 p.m.

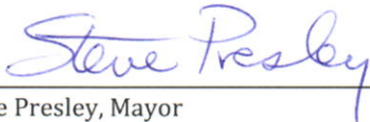
Public Works Director Perry discussed the budget needs for utilities and ways to improve the water.

Councilmember Chivers stepped out from 1:40 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Police Chief Harvey discussed the budget needs for the Police Department. He added that he inherited a very unhealthy department and he has worked hard to make it healthier. He is working towards having a professional and modern department. He explained that it is hard to attract officers to work for the City because the surrounding cities pay more than Palestine. He is asking for pay increases and new cars for the department.

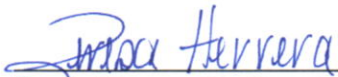
With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 25TH DAY OF JUNE, 2018.



Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary

