

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Regular Meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. for the Work Session in the City Hall Conference Room, and at 5:30 p.m. for the Regular Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

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

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

Others present: Community Services Director Patsy Smith, Planner Greg Laudadio, Interim Finance Director Jim Mahoney, Building Official Mark Miars, Police Chief Andy Harvey, Public Works Director Tim Perry, PEDC Director Gayle Cooper, and other interested citizens;

with the following member absent: Councilwomen Dana Goolsby and Vickey L. Chivers. Mayor Pro Tem Jordan was absent for the regular meeting.

WORK SESSION

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the work session to order at 3:33 p.m.

1) Discuss Police Equipment and Clothing Agreement. Councilwoman Larissa Loveless
Discussion was held. Council directed Staff to review and make changes to this policy and bring back to Council in May for review.

2) Discuss current policy regarding Mobile Food Vendors. Councilwoman Larissa Loveless
Discussion was held.

3) Discuss Code of Ethics for City Council. Councilwoman Dana Goolsby
Item was not discussed.

4) Discuss current City Council Policies and Procedures. Mayor Steve Presley
Item was not discussed.

5) Discuss Palestine Police Department's plan for the oversight of Code Enforcement and illegal dumping. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell Jordan
Discussion was held.

6) Discuss rules and regulations within Palestine's historic districts. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell Jordan
Discussion was held.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

Mayor Presley called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given by City Manager Michael Hornes, and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROPOSED CHANGES OF AGENDA ITEMS

Mayor Presley made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Loveless, not discuss the Closed Session item until the first meeting in March. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC RECOGNITION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

AD Ethridge spoke regarding waste of tax dollars and oppression.

Valentin Garcia and Cindy Esparza spoke regarding removal of window in historic district.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES

No action was taken.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Presley reminded everyone of the Town Hall meeting, seedling planting at Davey Dogwood Park, groundbreaking for the New University Academy, UT Tyler, and Mardi Gras on Main Street all next week. Also, Nucor Steel volunteers are interested in building the World's Biggest Spike and barbecue pits to beautify the Farmers Market area.

ITEMS FROM COUNCIL

Mayor Presley for Mayor Pro Tem Jordan provided information on Black History Month events.

Councilwoman Connor ask to have the following items on the next meeting: why do we have separate lawyers for employee issues, cost of Chief Harvey's trip to Washington, who approved the Community Liaison position, and update on pothole repair plan.

Councilwoman Loveless informed that the Northside Elementary will host Anderson County Retired Educators the Executive Director of Friends of Texas Public Schools will be speaking and invited the public to attend.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT

Brian Horn presented the proposal by Vulcraft for Farmers Market. He talked about the largest railroad spike, signage for the area, and barbecue pits.

City Manager Hornes informed that department directors were present to address questions from Council regarding reports.

PEDC Annual Report to State Comptroller, PEDC Quarterly Report, Library, Community Services, Tourism & Marketing Calendar, Finance (Utility Billing, Citibank Credit Card Statements, & Check Register), and Fire departmental reports were provided.

Councilwoman Loveless asked for Nutcracker recap.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1) Consider approval of minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of November 13, 2018.
- 2) Consider approval of the minutes of the Special Meeting on November 26, 2018.
- 3) Consider approval of minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of December 10, 2018.
- 4) ~~Consider approval of minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019.~~
- 5) Consider approval of the City of Palestine Quarterly Investment Report. Interim Finance Director Jim Mahoney
- 6) Consider awarding Bid No. 2019-002, Surplus Property Sale: R0033110 Moore Addn., Block B Lot 8 to Kenny Quincin in the amount of \$250.00; R0045242, A0004 John Arthur Addn., Block 883 Tract 40 to Kenny Quincin in the amount of \$1,500.00; and R0045241, A004 John Arthur Addn., Block 883 Tract 32 to Kenny Quincin in the amount of \$500.00. Building Official Mark Miears

- 7) Consider approval of the revision to the Sick Leave Pool policies and procedures. Interim HR Director Leslie Cloer

Councilwoman Connor made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Loveless, to approve Consent Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7 as presented. Item 4 was pulled for discussion. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

REGULAR AGENDA

Consider approval of minutes of the Work Session and Regular Meeting of January 14, 2019.

Councilwoman Connor informed that she voted nay on Item 8 of the Regular Meeting.

Councilwoman Loveless made a motion, seconded Councilman Baxter, to approve the minutes with correction. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

- 1) Hear and consider appeal for a Certificate of Appropriateness for 613 S. Magnolia Street, located in the Southside Historic District denied by HLC. Applicant Valentin Garcia Jr. Building Official Mark Miears

Building Official Miears informed that Mr. Garcia removed a window without approval by HLC for the COA. Discussion was held. Julie Abston explained by HLC denied the request. Mr. Garcia did not stay to explain his side.

Mayor Presley made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Loveless, to deny the request for the Certificate of Appropriateness. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

- 2) Second reading and consider approval of resolutions regarding Palestine Economic Development Corporation and City of Palestine notice of intention to grant \$3,213.18 to Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce, property located at 401 W. Main Street and \$39,459.00 to Mollard Properties, property located at 315 W. Oak Street. PEDC Director Gayle Cooper

PEDC Director Cooper provided a summary.

Councilwoman Loveless made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Connor, to approve the resolutions by Palestine Economic Development Corporation and City of Palestine notice of intention to grant \$3,213.18 to Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce, property located at 401 W. Main Street and \$39,459.00 to Mollard Properties, property located at 315 W. Oak Street. Upon vote, motion carried failed 3-1 with Councilman Baxter voting nay.

- 3) Consider approval of Collaboration Agreement between Palestine Economic Development Corporation and Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce. PEDC Director Gayle Cooper

Councilwoman Loveless made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Connor, to table this item. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 4-0.

- 4) Discuss and take any action necessary regarding Code of Ethics for City Council. Councilwoman Dana Goolsby

No action was taken.

- 5) Discuss and take any action necessary regarding current City Council Policies and Procedures. Mayor Steve Presley

No action was taken.

- 6) Discuss and take any action necessary regarding rules and regulations within Palestine's historic districts. Mayor Pro Tem Mitchell Jordan

No action was taken.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Presley announced that Council would not go into Closed Session. City Attorney evaluation will be discussed at the March 11th meeting.

ADJOURN

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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

Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Herrera, City Secretary