

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Special and Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. for the Special Meeting and 6:00 p.m. for the Town Hall 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
Dana Goolsby, Councilwoman
Ann Connor, Councilwoman

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

Others present: Public Works Director Tim Perry, PEDC Director Gayle Cooper, and other interested citizens;
with the following member absent: Councilwoman Vickey L. Chivers.

SPECIAL MEETING 5:00 P.M.

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley called the Special Meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

Discussion with possible action regarding hiring Attorney Jeff Herrington as an interim city attorney.

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Goolsby, to appoint Attorney Jeff Herrington as Interim City Attorney. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Discussion with possible action regarding hiring Attorney James Hankins to provide legal services for current litigation.

Mayor Pro Tem Jordan made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Connor, to hire Attorney James Hankins to provide legal services for current litigation. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

TOWN HALL MEETING 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Mayor Presley opened the Town Hall Meeting at 5:03 p.m.

Council will hear from the citizens about their ideas on what the Old Memorial Hospital property should be used for.

City Manager Hornes invited those in attendance to speak, if they wanted to be heard by Council. The following spoke:

Dr. Carolyn Salter, Stanley Cobb, Julie Abston, Jeanie Brown, Elise Dean, Barbara Jordan, Charles Nichols, Jack Coleman, and James Smith voiced their opinion and concerns. The overall consensus was to do nothing with the property right now. They asked that Council wait a few months before a decision is made.

Councilmembers thanked the citizens for taking time from their busy day to attend the meeting.

Adjourn

With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 13TH DAY OF MAY, 2019.

Steve Presley, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa Herrera, City Secretary