

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

The Real Estate Committee convened in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 12:00 p.m., in the City Hall Conference Room, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present: Chair Brenda Walker; Committee Members Phil Jenkins, Larry Weber, Edwin Link, and Ann Connor.

Others present: City Manager Michael Hornes, Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, Admin. Assistant Courtney Herbrough, Communications Officer Nate Smith, and City Secretary Teresa Herrera.

CALL TO ORDER – REGULAR MEETING

With a quorum present, Chair Brenda Walker called the Regular Meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Committee Member Jenkins made a motion, seconded by Committee Member Weber, to approve minutes of November 9, 2017, as presented. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Presentation and discussion regarding Habitat for Humanity by Jack Wilson, CEO of Habitat for Humanity of Smith County.

CEO Jack Wilson of Habitat for Humanity of Smith County presented an overview of who they are and what they do. Since 1989 they have built and closed on 97 new homes, making homeownership possible for low-income families. They are a critical repair program. Goal is to build strength, stability, independence and improve health through home repair and modification. He provided information on how the City of Palestine could become part of Habitat for Humanity.

Discussion and possible action regarding substandard housing.

Item was not discussed.

Discussion and possible action regarding Greens Park.

City Manager Michael Hornes provided an update on Greens Park.

Committee Member Jenkins left at 1:10 p.m.

Discussion and possible action on timeline for action items regarding the following:

a. Palestine Civic Center

City Manager Hornes informed Committee that bids will be accepted until January 22, 2017, and all bids will be reviewed by Council. Minimum bid of \$250,000. If no bids are received the building may be repurposed and maybe it could be a Regional Training Facility.

b. Palestine Mall

City Manager Hornes informed that pad sites have sold.

c. City owned residential lots

Committee discussed city owned residential lots.

Items for next meeting.

Discussion items for next agenda: 1) Substandard housing; 2) Cemetery lots; and 3) the Civic Center, Palestine Mall, and City owned residential lots. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at noon.

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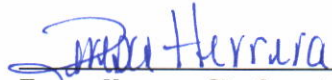
With no other business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 5TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2017.



Brenda Walker, Chair

ATTEST:



Teresa Herrera, City Secretary