

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

The City Council of the City of Palestine, Texas convened in a Special Meeting on Friday, January 9, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. for the Special Meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 504 N. Queen Street, Palestine, Texas, with the following people present:

Mayor Therrell Thomas; Mayor Pro Tem Vickey L. Chivers; Councilmembers Vernon Denmon, Jr., Joseph Thompson, and Steve Presley; City Manager Wendy Ellis, and City Secretary Teresa Herrera.

A quorum of the City Council was present.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Thomas called the Special Meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Mayor Thomas, and was followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**CONSIDERATION OF ACTION ON THE RESIGNATION OF DISTRICT 5 COUNCILMEMBER**

Consider accepting the resignation of Councilmember Mark D. Price effective January 1, 2015 and declare vacancy in District 5

Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Presley, to accept the resignation of Councilmember Mark D. Price effective January 1, 2015 and declare a vacancy in District 5. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**INTERVIEW CANDIDATES TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM FOR VACATED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 POSITION**

Council interviewed candidates: Georgia Carol Singleton, Guy Douglas Smith III, and Alex Nemer II to fill unexpired term for vacated City Council District 5 position. Candidates introduced themselves and expressed their interest to serve on the City Council.

Council thanked all of the candidates and hope that whoever isn't appointed will continue to be involved with the community.

Mayor Thomas explained that the City Charter, the Council shall appoint someone within 10 days of the resignation and have at least four votes in agreement on one candidate. The special election is not an option.

Staff provided a ballot to rank the candidates in order of preference from 1 (most preferred) to 3 (least preferred), to the City Council. This is not a vote.

Council took a 4 minute recess.

Mayor Thomas reconvened the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

City Secretary Teresa Herrera read aloud outcome of the rankings. The following were the results:

| <u>Candidate</u> | <u>Rank 1</u> | <u>Rank 2</u> | <u>Rank 3</u> |
|------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Nemer            | I             | III           | I             |
| Singleton        | I             | I             | III           |
| Smith            | III           |               | II            |

**CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO FILL UNEXPIRED TERM FOR VACATED CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 5 POSITION**

Councilmember Thompson made a motion, seconded by Presley, to appoint Guy Douglas Smith III to fill unexpired term for vacated City Council District 5. Upon vote, motion carried unanimously.

**CALLING FOR SPECIAL CITY OFFICER ELECTION**

Consider an Ordinance calling for the Special City Officer Election to be held on May 9, 2015 to fill a Vacancy in the Unexpired Term of City Council District 5

City Charter does not allow for a Special City Officer Election to fill a vacancy in the unexpired term of City Council. Council has to fill the vacancy by appointment the special election is not an option.

**ADJOURN**

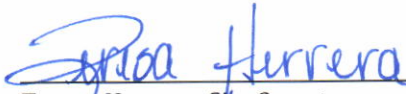
With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2015.



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Therrell Thomas, Mayor

ATTEST:



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Teresa Herrera, City Secretary