

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, January 26, 2015 at 4:30 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:

Mayor Therrell Thomas; Councilmembers Adam Harding, Vernon Denmon, Jr., Joseph Thompson, Doug Smith, and Steve Presley; City Manager Wendy Ellis, City Secretary Teresa Herrera, and City Attorney Ronald Stutes.

Other staff present: Interim Police Chief Mike Alexander, Public Works Director Tim Perry, Economic Development Director Tom Manskey, Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons, Community Services Director Roy Crouch, and Utilities Director Robert Sedgwick.

Mayor Pro Tem Chivers was absent for the Work Session and Regular Meeting. Councilmember Harding arrived at 4:38 p.m. A quorum of the City Council was present.

**WORK SESSION**

Mayor Thomas called the work session to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Discuss the new, amended Comprehensive Plan for the City of Palestine titled "Palestine 2040: Honoring the Past-Shaping the Future"**

Discussion was held regarding the new, amended Comprehensive Plan for the City of Palestine titled "Palestine 2040: Honoring the Past-Shaping the Future." Mr. Alan Klein and his staff presented the final version of the plan to the City Council. The purpose of the comprehensive plan is to serve as a guide for the city's long-term future growth and development created by the community, stakeholders, and the city. The community assesses what it has, says what it wants, and decides how to accomplish the goals. The comprehensive land use plan was developed by the University of Texas at Arlington, School of Urban Affairs, compiled from a community analysis and overall community version, a land use plan, and key recommendations for the revitalization and growth of the city's downtown, neighborhoods, and parks and open spaces. It was recommended that the comprehensive land use plan be a living document, which needs to be updated every five years. Plan needs to engage citizens, city staff and the community and have personality true to the history of the city. Council will take action on this item during the Regular Meeting.

With no other business to come before the Council, the work session was adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER - REGULAR MEETING**

Mayor Thomas called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Councilmember Harding, and was followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS, PUBLIC RECOGNITION, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

New Economic Development Coordinator Rosshaun Hall was recognized.

New Police Officer Dennis Humber was recognized.

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURES**

No action was taken.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Public Hearing regarding amendments to the Palestine Zoning Ordinance by including the use of poultry processing, providing a definition and determining which zoning districts allow this type of use. Applicable code sections, Appendix A, Zoning, Article 3, Section 3.3 and Article 4, Section 4.6

Development Services Director Jeffrey Lyons presented a summary. Mayor Thomas opened the public hearing and asked for anyone speaking for or against the request to do so. With no one speaking, Mayor Thomas closed the public hearing.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Thomas reported that his business was broken into.

**ITEMS FROM COUNCIL**

Councilmember Presley reported that County Line Magazine and its readers voted Texas State Railroad the Best Attraction in the Upper East Side of Texas.

Councilmember Denmon thanked the City for its partnership with the South End and informed that a Town Hall meeting was being organized for a later date.

**CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Departmental reports for Economic Development, Utilities, and Public Works were provided. Also, City Attorney fees report was provided.

City Manager Ellis reported that Palestine Days in Austin would be February 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>. Also, on February 18<sup>th</sup>, she will present State of the City at Rotary Meeting at Ben E. Keith.

**REGULAR AGENDA**

Consider an ordinance adopting a Water Conservation Plan

Utilities Director Sedgwick presented a summary. TCEQ requires that all cities with a population greater than 3,300 have a Water Conservation Plan. The ordinance adopting the plan must be passed in order to continue funding through the Texas Water Development Board. Councilmember Presley made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to adopt **Ordinance No. 0-02-15** as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider authorizing the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Northeast Texas Public Health District

City Manager Ellis informed Council that under a grant from the Texas Department of State Health Services, the District is required to plan and prepare for a public health emergency which may result from natural or man-made causes. During such emergency, it may be necessary to immunize or treat a large number of people in the area. The City of Palestine possesses the Civic Center which could be used for mass immunization or treatment. The agreement may be canceled by either party by giving thirty days notice; otherwise it remains in effect for five years. Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Thompson, to authorize the City Manager to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Northeast Texas Public Health District. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

Consider an ordinance amending the Palestine Zoning Ordinance by including the use of poultry processing, providing a definition and determining which zoning districts allow this type of use. Applicable code sections, Appendix A, Zoning, Article 3, Section 3.3 and Article 4, Section 4.6

Development Services Director Lyons presented a summary. Councilmember Denmon made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Presley, to adopt **Ordinance No. 0-04-15** as presented. Upon vote, motion passed unanimously.

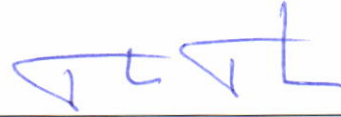
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**ADJOURN**

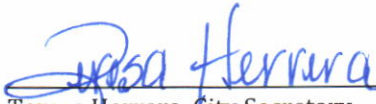
With no other business to come before the Council, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

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