

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 at the Temporary City Hall located at the FS Building. Mayor Jeff Beauregard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council present: Alan Mengler, Paula Gunter-Mayor Pro-tempore, Trent Miller, John Harris and Jeannie Blumer. Others present: City Attorney; Scott Peterson, City Engineer; Matt Shock, City Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson, City Administrator Stacy Dix, City Maintenance; Tony Hite.

Mayor Jeff Beauregard asked everyone to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to approve the agenda, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Council member Al Mengler, motion carried (5-0). Claims Report: Ipers, \$1790.63; Palo Savings Bank, Fed/Fica taxes, \$5161.49; Iowa Dept. of Rev., State taxes, \$893.00; Palo Community Center, fireworks for Palo fun day, \$2500.00; Bockenstedt Excavating Inc., sewer project, \$29,543.51; Aflac, \$136.56; Eastern Iowa Arts Academy, sponsorship art classes, \$1875.00; Raymond Janko, FD storage during flood, \$1680.00.

Chamber of Commerce Report by Dan Diehm stated that the Palo Chamber Board members will be attending a one day conference in Des Moines regarding information on applying for a Cat grant. Council Member Paula Gunter stated that Alliant Energy may have some opportunities for Economic Development funds would like to sit down with the Chamber, Mayor and Alliant representative to discuss.

Rebuild Palo Fund report by Tom Watson; stated they have received 4 new applications that are being processed.

Parks & Recreation Report: none

Audience Comments:

Bill Zeller thanked the city for approving the Iowa Arts Academy that is going on right now. Questioned road closures. Mayor Jeff Beauregard stated the city has not received any information from Linn County; however we became aware of the road closures from DAEC information that Council member Trent Miller presented. City will contact the County tomorrow to get the appropriate information.

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to approve the Palo Mini Mart wine carry out addition to the class E liquor license, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #062209A to approve the 28 E agreement between the City of Palo and Linn County for Rental Inspections, motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council member John Harris, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Linn County Sherriff's report- stated no immediate concerns.

Discussion on Contract Services, City Attorney Scott Peterson stated this contract would cover any city employee that may do work in the City corporate limits in a personal capacity that would not be a conflict of interest. Council tabled until the next meeting.

Council member Trent Miller read the Staff report regarding ball park lighting for the existing ball diamond. The council would like to find out what the rebates would be as well as get a few more bids on different types of lighting. City clerk will add to the next Council agenda. .

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to bid the parking lot at the pall park, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to purchase a canopy from Tek supply with a maximum amount of \$4000.00 with two sides and two ends, also including 8 concrete blocks, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Purchasing policy on the agenda for discussion, council will review and submit questions or comments before the next council meeting.

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to approve the Sanitary Sewer Improvements Lining Phase II bid for Visu- Sewer Clean & Seal who was the lowest bid at \$63,158.00., seconded by Council member Trent Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to set a public hearing for bid letting for the Community Center at the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Council member Al Mengler, motion carried (5-0). After discussion Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to rescind her motion, seconded by Council member Al Mengler, motion carried (5-0). This will be placed on the agenda at a later date.

Motion by Council member Trent Miller to set a public hearing for bid letting for the Concession Stand at the July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council meeting, seconded by Council member John Harris, motion carried, (5-0).

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to approve the Creek Debris Removal bid to go to Gregg Dee Gongwer Tree Service LLC with the lowest bid of \$38,950.00, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Council opened bid submitted by Gregg Dee Gongwer Tree Service LLC for chipping of the brush pile. Stated will chip the pile that is currently there if awarded the bid. Chipping services for contract would include \$100 hr for one man to chip brush pile.

Flood Related Structure Demolition bid discussion; City Engineer Matt Shock stated the city received bids back from 2 out of 8 contractors that Anderson-Bogert sent a bid package to for this project. Affordable Hazards Removal, Inc. at \$179,900, DW Zinser at \$197,000, both of these bids were not compliant with the requirements, Affordable Hazards Removal, Inc submitted their bid at 2:35pm., which was beyond the 2:30pm deadline but before any other bids were opened. D.W Zinser did not submit a complete bid packet. Motion by Council member Jeannie Blumer to reject all bids and rebid the contract for the Flood Related Structure Demolition that would include the following structures; 504 1st Street, 41 Church Street, 602 Iowa Ave, 810 1st Street, 4 Lincoln Drive, 48 Lincoln Drive, 705 1st Street, 108 Main Street, and 308 Clinton Street. , seconded by Council member John Harris, motion carried (5-0).

Council member Al Mengler placed Ordinance #558-2009 on its third and final reading, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

### **Department Report**

City Maintenance Tony Hite submitted quotes for a PTO chipper for the Kabota tractor. Tony stated he will talk to some companies who have used a PTO about performance and get back to the council.

Infrastructure Commander Tom Watson stated the Iowa Northern Railroad has indicated they received a grant for installing new tracks with a timeline of 9 months, they will be submitting a site plan to the City for review. The train cars will be moved along with the ties in October or November once the bridge is repaired near Waterloo.

Council member Paula Gunter stated Mayor Jeff Beauregard, Council member Trent Miller and Paula attended a workshop through the Iowa League of Cities. One of the attendees will give a brief description at the next council meeting.

**New Business**

Mayor Jeff Beauregard thanked Council member Trent Miller for supplying the road closure information. The City will contact Linn County in regards to notification. Mayor Beauregard stated the Ad-hock Water Utility Committee is going to be advertising some facts regarding the water utility election on the billboard located on Covington Road. Also stated the new position for hire has been reclassified and will be reposted, all applicants that applied will still be eligible to reapply.

Council member Trent Miller questioned when the bridge on 1<sup>st</sup> street was going to be cleaned up and painted.

Council member Paula Gunter read the update report.

Council member Jeannie Blumer stated Mosquito control has not been by her house. Mayor Beauregard requested staff contact Mosquito Control and have them attend the next council meeting.

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter, Seconded by Council member Al Mengler to go into Closed Session @ 8:25pm as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 sub (C).

**Closing Comments:**

Discussion on issues with ball park lighting. Mayor Beauregard stated need to send this to the Park & Rec. board.

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to adjourn at 9:30pm, seconded by Council member John Harris, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk