

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday August 10th, 2009 at the Temporary City Hall located at 4533 Shellsburg Road. 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, Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson, City Administrator/Clerk; Stacy Dix.

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 John Harris, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to approve the consent agenda including July 27th, 2009 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Council member John Harris, motion carried (5-0).

Claims Report: Alliant Energy, Gas & Electric, \$2928.07; Palo Coop., telephone service, \$317.92; IPERS, \$2993.75; Palo Savings Bank, FED/FICA Taxes, \$7264.75; Iowa Dept. of Rev., State taxes, \$1358.00; US Postal, Postage, \$201.40; Rudd Sanitation, Solid Waste, \$3262.00; Linn Co. REC, Street lights, \$149.89; Burt Trucking, Rock for Comm. Ctr.Site, \$90.00; Office Express, Office Supplies, \$252.65; Crawford Quarry, Rock for Comm. Ctr. Site, \$411.41; Nidey Peterson Erdahl & Tindal, Legal Fee, \$5238.00; Iowa League of Cities, League Annual Conference, \$700.00; ICAP, Liability Insurance, \$13,078.05; Data Technologies, IDrive Install, \$50.00; Stacy Dix, Mileage reimbursement, \$171.22; Orkin, City Hall- 6 months, \$252.62; Watson Services, Remove underground storage tank, \$715.00; Anderson-Bogert, Engineering fees New C.C, \$18,405.54; Croell Redi-Mix, Inc., Cement blocks, \$240.00; Hawkins, Chemicals, \$2300.53; Farm Plan, sewer hose, \$372.02; Port "O" Jonny, Farmers Market, \$220.00; Tony Hite, Keys Temp Gate, \$17.01; Wright Express, Fire Dept. fuel, \$99.70; Foley Construction Co., Sewer Project, \$41,879.15; Agvantage FS. Inc., August Rent, \$2000.00; Verocity Wireless, Tony's phone, \$62.95; ESCO Electric, New Electronic Time Clock, \$6997.50; Shakespeare Storage, Rent, \$660.00; Michelle Nejd, Certified mail Buy-out & Demo's, \$137.85; Fine Line Printing, Flyers, \$248.44; Culligan, Water, \$32.00; Koch Brothers, copies, \$715.23; Linn Co. Planning & Dev., Building Permits, \$2252.20; Spider's Welding, Weld J.D Mower, \$65.00; Solum Lang Architects, LLC, New Comm. Center, \$9293.38; Aflac, Alfac pre-tax, \$136.56; D.W. Zinser Co., released retainage, \$2242.25; The Louis Group Inc., Arch, Survey Parcel B, \$1275.00; Greenvalley At&Turf LLC, equipment, \$224.92; Shallow Water Marine, HF64 Fire rescue boat, \$7014.72; Terracon Consultants, Inc, soil borings Old C.C., \$4800.00; INSYNC, Fire Fighters T-shirts, \$178.00; Rapids Reproductions, Concession stand prints, \$2003.01; Geosource, Inc., Soil sample c.c. storage tank, \$9241.75; DOI-USGS, river gauge, \$4270.00; Amie Frank, Lib. Card, \$25.00; Kathryn Zeller, Lib. Card, \$25.00; Jennifer Koester, Lib. Card, \$25.00; Total Accounts Payable: \$156,894.44. Payroll: General fund \$14,489.61, Road Use \$1,267.38, Sewer \$1,416.51, Total Payroll \$ 8,273.75
Sherriff's report was given 108.33 hours required and 134.80 hours actually worked with 49 calls.

Chamber of Commerce Report by Beth Rathje; Stated the business group has 4 new members and will continue with the group as planned. Faye Dykema discussed the signage for the City, Dan & Megan Diehm along with Faye has negotiated with Stone City the price for 4 Palo Signs. Dan stated they are nice stones 6X8 and they will have one prepared in two weeks. Faye stated the group is looking into changing their direction on becoming a Visioning non-profit g.

Resolution # 081009A to approve the City providing Law Enforcement for the Palo Fun Day with a maximum amount of \$1000 to be expended. Motion by Council member Al Mengler, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, roll call, motion carried, (5-0).

Resolution#081009B to approve the Closure of Vinton Street from noon August 28th, 2009 until noon August 30th, 2009 for Palo Fun Day. Motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council member Jeannie Blumer, roll call, motion carried, (5-0).

Rebuild Palo Fund report by Tom Watson; the Board will be presented with a \$10,000 donation from Wal-Mart on August 21st, 2009 at 1:00 location will be Palo City Hall.

Audience Comments:

James Sanders questioned the posting of the P&Z meeting. It was stated it was posted by the City Clerk.

Resolution #081009C to give authority to Stacy Dix City Administrator to designate one side street parking and road closures for Palo Fun Day August 29th, 2009. Motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council Member Trent Miller, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to approve the Palo Mini Marts Beer License, seconded by Council member Jeannie Blumer, v.v, motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Jeff Beauregard discussed James Sanders rezoning request and is recommending it go back to the Planning & Zoning Commission for a clear motion and reasons for the approval or denial of Mr. Sanders zoning request including the language recommended by the City Attorney and City Engineer.

Resolution #081009D to approve the property lien for 705 1st Street, motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council member Al Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #081009E to approve the property lien for 48 Lincoln Drive, motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council member Al Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Department Reports:

Tom Watson stated staff has been looking into a way to incorporate trails into the City at a low cost. Have looked into painting a portion of the road on one side of the street to designate a pedestrian walking and bike path, this can be done with limited funds during the interim until trails can be installed. Will be on next Council Agenda for consideration.

Doug Hanover stated the tent has been put together and it will require more assistance to set up for events. The tractor will be able to transport the cement blocks for staking the tent. Tom Watson discussed that the Tent Company has issued a \$150 voucher due to the fact the city had to grind down the tent poles to the right size, so we are looking at purchasing a large fan to be used inside the tent. Doug stated they have been going through the tools at the shop and feel we need to replace and purchase more, would like to purchase a small welder. Stated they do not have a full inventory at this time. Mayor Beauregard requested they get a full inventory sheet and bring back to council with recommendations.

Old Business

City Attorney Scott Peterson stated that there have been several legislative changes this year including: 1.) Gender Balance on committee's that will be effective January 2012. 2.) Emergency repairs 3.) Franchise fees. 4.) State Wide Mutual Aid compact. 5.)Veterans preference for hiring. 6.)Open Meetings/ public records. 7.) Sex Offender Registry restrictions. Council would like to see a draft of the legislative changes.

Reminder tomorrow night August 11th, 2009 from 6:00 to 8:00 open house at the Tea Room to meet the Mayor and Council, anyone interested in running for office is encouraged to attend.
Wednesday August 12th, 2009 City Council Workshop at 5:30 pm.

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to adjourn at 7:18pm, seconded by Council member Al Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk