

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday November 9th, 2009 at the Temporary City Hall located at the FS Building. Mayor Jeff Beaugard 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 Beaugard asked everyone to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.

Motion by Mengler to approve the agenda with deleting property lien, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Miller to approve the consent agenda including bills and October 26th, 2009 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Harris, motion carried (5-0). Claims Report:

Alliant Energy	Gas & Electric	\$3,429.86
Palo Coop.	Telephone	252.18
Ipers	Ipers	2,083.15
Palo Savings Bank	Fed/Fica Taxes	4,572.62
Iowa Dept. of Rev.	State Taxes	899.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	26.10
US Postal	Postage	200.56
Rudd Sanitation	Solid Waste	6,431.50
Linn County REC	Street Lights	168.35
Keystone Labs.	Testing	10.50
Menards	Patio Block	124.28
Office Express	Office Supplies	65.98
Gazette Communications	Legal Publications	449.98
TrueNorth Companies	Life Ins.	32.00
Iowa Workforce Dev.	Unemployment	34.50
L.L. Pelling Co.	Vinton St. R.R	929.28
Linn County Recorder	Affidavit-build/permit	81.00
Watson Services	Pump Lagoon Down	1,110.00
Wernimont Display	Street Sign	450.00
Hach Company	Chlorine	25.94
Anderson-Bogert	General	10,114.98
Holiday Inn	IMFOA Conference	168.00
Croell Redi-Mix, Inc.	Concrete for F.S Gen.	229.75
Wayne Manufacturing	Christmas Decoration	2,213.05
Wellmark BC/BS	Health Ins.	1,176.94
Treasurer State of Iowa	Sales Tax qtr	362.00
Ralston Construction	Recycle. Asphalt Hollenbeck	800.00
Farm Plan	Towels, Clean supplies	99.49
Palo Fire Dept.	EMT-B Class	6,000.00
Wright Express	Gas	49.66
Rexco Equipment Inc.	Parts mower	45.23
Agvantage FS, Inc.	October Rent	3,864.41
Verocity Wireless	Cell phone	126.02
Esco Electric	New Service Trailer	1,053.86
Culligan	Water	26.25

Koch Brothers	Copier service	915.41
Megan Murphy	Anti-virus Tony comp.	34.99
Solum Lang Architects	C.C./Concession July 09	61,551.05
AFLAC	Aflac Pre-tax	136.56
Erek Sittig	Legal Fees	1,082.00
Shallow Water Marine	Fire Rescue Boat	24,156.15
Galeton Safety Products	Gloves, supplies	70.24
Scott Van-Keppel- CR	Pump Rental	1,288.00
Omni Site	Elite Service upgrade	108.00
Scott C. Peterson	Legal Fees	5,076.00
Eastern Iowa Building	Storage Maint. Bldg	2,500.00
Advanced Material Plcmnt	Dry Creek Park	721.75
Richard Carlson	Dry Creek Park	1,000.00
ECICOG	Comprehensive Plan	200.00
Eastern IA Excavating	Vinton Street	56,369.20
Krista Fay	Reimburse food volunteers	36.37
Schminke Equip. LLC	Ford 3000	2,000.00
Rosann Sanders	Library Card	25.00

Payroll: General fund, \$11,532.48; Road Use, \$1,648.72; Property Acquisitions, \$364.58; Sewer, \$1,813.49.

Sherriff's report was given there were 52 calls with 108.33 hours required and 139.9 hours actually worked.

Palo Chamber of Commerce Report by Faye Dykema; Community Group reported the teen event is cancelled due to low attendance. The Holiday Express Train Ride planning is underway will be held Dec. 5th, 2009 from 10am until 6:30pm. Tickets go on sale November 20th. Palo Fun Day is tentatively scheduled for August 28th, 2010.

Rebuild Palo Fund Report by Tom Watson; stated the applications have been mailed out to all businesses in the City of Palo, waiting for submittals. Deadline is Monday November 30th, 2009. SWMC (Storm Water Management Committee) report by Chad VanDorsten; Stated they have been utilizing sub-committee as broken down into 3 categories; 1). Residential, 2). City wide 3). Water sheds. In progress with a one year study of Dry Creek that has been designated a protective water shed, working with the advisory committee which includes the Linn County Soil Conservation, Benton County Soil Conservation, Iowa State Extension, Iowa Learning Farms. Working on several other projects with all above mentioned. SWMC submitted a grant to fund several of the upcoming projects through the Iowa Department of Agriculture and have been approved; waiting to see the funding amount requested \$500,000.00. Marilyn Barta also commented on the importance of the Dry Creek Watershed this will benefit the entire town. Tom Watson stated the Iowa Flood Center at the University of Iowa installed a rain gauge right outside of City Hall to help monitor the rain level closer. Usually only look into larger watersheds.

Audience Comments:

John Bloodgood discussed the street project on First and Vinton Street as well as the alley between Clinton and Vinton Street. Feels this is too high and will flood his house, the street needs to be lowered. Other issue is with the drainage from the Rubideau, should make a path to the creek. Mayor Beaugard discussed the current projects and stated he would be happy to talk with anyone concerned after the meeting.

Bill Zeller questioned the mowing requirements for commercial lots. Stated any property located in the City corporate limits should comply by the mowing Ordinance.

Motion by Harris to place Ordinance #562-2009 Amending provision to R1 Single Family Zoning on its second reading contingent upon executing and agreement with the City of Palo and Cannon's, seconded by Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Blumer to waive the requirements of a separate meeting, seconded by Harris, roll call, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Blumer to place Ordinance #562-2009 on its third and final reading, seconded by Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Miller to place Ordinance #561-2009 Amending provision pertaining to the Mayor, Council and City Administrator, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Brief discussion on location for mud runs 2010. Council to look into further.

Resolution #110909A to approve having Office of Auditor of State perform an audit for fiscal year 2009, motion by Gunter, seconded by Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Discussion on Linn Drive man holes, Tom Watson stated that the elevation levels are not known yet for the south side of Thompson Drive, would recommend ramp up rock around the manholes for winter until next spring when we have all the road elevations. Council agreed.

Resolution #110909B to approve the transfer of the title of the fire rescue boat to Fire District #6, motion by Gunter, seconded by Harris, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Discussion on open burning, Mayor Beauregard read the cities current Ordinance that states you cannot burn landscape unless you live within a ¼ mile of any building. You can still have a recreational fire as long as in compliance with the ordinance. Scott Peterson stated that Linn County has special State restrictions that the City will fall under and need to abide by as well.

Brief discussion on Full-Time Maintenance position, Beauregard and Gunter will be reviewing applications.

Mengler made motion to research what the johnboat that was used at the lagoon was worth and send out for bid, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Mayor Beauregard discussed the upcoming MLA (Municipal Leadership Academy) that is coming up in November strongly encourage all members to attend. It is a wonderful program for all elected officials. For session two, I would recommend we watch here at City Hall.

Resolution #110909C to approve John Harris to be added as a signatory, motion by Mengler, seconded by Gunter, roll call, Harris abstained, motion carried (4-0).

Department Reports:

Doug Hanover stated the generator is up and running at the fire station and Esco has replaced the bulbs at the fire station, put new tires in front of case tractor, changed lock on the trailer.

Old Business

Gunter asked Council if still interested in purchasing another truck, Alliant is selling part of their fleet at auction prices. Will submit to Tony to have him look at. Christmas lights will be going up the day after Thanksgiving.

New Business

Mayor Beauregard discussed cancelling the December 28th, 2009 Council meeting. Council approved.

Gunter presented Mayor Beauregard with a certificate of appreciation for his dedicated service in a time of need. Gunter stated she was much honored to have served with him.

Motion by Gunter to adjourn at 7:35pm, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk