

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday October 26th, 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: Jeannie Blumer, Paula Gunter-Mayor Pro-tempore, John Harris, Al Mengler and Trent Miller. Others present: City Attorney; Scott Peterson, 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 Mengler to approve the agenda, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Gunter to approve the consent agenda including October 12th, 2009 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (5-0).

Chamber of Commerce Report by Dan Diehm; Stated the Chamber has submitted a grant to the Iowa Power Fund and will have more details next month. Also seed is in for planting along Hwy 94.

Rebuild Palo Fund Report by Tom Watson; stated the board members are currently getting together the applications to send out to the businesses in town.

Audience Comments:

Delmar Jellison discussed the mud run for next year the Lions club is looking at another possible location due to not wanting to disturb the business owner's property. Although Dan has offered to use his land again the committee feels this could be a yearly event and would like to find a permanent location. Questioned whether the City would look into possibly purchasing land for community events? Council requested this be an agenda item for the next Council meeting.

Motion by Mengler to approve the Kennedy Cougar Ball Park Rental contract, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Todd Stych representing Musco Lighting gave a presentation about the lighting products for the old and new baseball diamonds.

Motion by Gunter to open the public hearing at 6:50pm regarding Ordinance # 562-2009 Amending Provisions pertaining to Single Family Residential (R-1) District, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0). Gunter stated the changes would be adding an Auction facility to the special exceptions. Motion by Blumer to close the public hearing at 6:52pm, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Miller to place Ordinance #562-2009 on its first reading, seconded by Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Blumer to waive the requirements for a separate meeting, seconded by Mengler, roll call, Gunter nay, Harris nay, motion failed (3-2).

Motion by Mengler to place Ordinance #561-2009 Amending provision pertaining to the Mayor, Council and City Administrator on its second reading, seconded by Gunter, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Mengler to award the Fire Station addition to Eastern Iowa Building Inc., for \$24,537.00, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Miller to award the Lagoon project to Pirc Tobin for \$183,850.00, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Mengler to award the Blairs Ferry Road Lift Station project to Watson Services for \$26,635.00, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Discussion on Manholes along Linn Drive. Council directed Tony to work with Anderson-Bogert on elevation levels and scope of work. Will move to the November 9th Council Agenda.

Motion by Mengler to approve the HMGP Legal Service Contract with effective date of October 12th, 2009, Seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Mengler to approve the HMGP Escrow Agent Contract with effective date of October 12th, 2009, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #102609A to accept Megan Murphy's resignation, motion by Mengler, seconded by Harris, roll call, motion carried (5-0). Mayor Beauregard stated this position will be posted to fill the vacancy.

Department Reports:

Tony Hite had several items 1).the contractor will start asphaltting the RR tracks on Vinton Street tomorrow. 2).Requesting to place rock by the walking bridge due to wash out with the flash flooding, Council agreed Mengler requested large rock is placed in there. 3).Ball diamond repairs will be done in the spring. 4). Currently replacing street signs. 5). Working with the Fire Department on placement of the generator.

Tom Watson discussed the progress with the Omni Site alarm system we are using for the lift stations. Stated there is still a lot of infiltration problems and questions where we were with home inspections. Tony stated still will still be finishing the home inspections.

Old Business

Mayor Beauregard discussed the position for fulltime maintenance position would like to put this back out for hire and have on the next agenda. Council unanimously agreed.

Gunter questioned the rework that was being done by Foley Construction. Tom stated they were back last Tuesday and finished the project.

New Business

Tony stated the First Street and Vinton Street asphalt project is being worked on today and should be completed by Wednesday.

Miller questioned the process for the snow removal bids. Stated they will be going out for bid and should be on the next agenda.

Motion by Gunter to go into closed session at 7:50pm regarding Foley Construction, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Gunter to adjourn at 8:29pm, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk