

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Temporary City Hall located at the FS Building. Mayor Jeff Beauregard called the meeting to order at 6:40 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 Engineer; Jon Bogert, City Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson, City Administrator/Clerk; Stacy Dix, City Maintenance; Tony Hite and Doug Hanover, Palo Park & Recreation Board Member; Corey Lubahn, Palo Chamber of Commerce Board Members; Faye Dykema and Dan Diehm.

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

Motion by Gunter to approve the agenda, seconded by Harris, motion carried (5-0).

Motion by Gunter to approve the consent agenda including September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 Council meeting minutes, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0). Claims Report: Nidey, Peterson, Erdahl & Tindal, Legal Fee's, \$9447.50.

Linn County Sheriff was present to address any issues. Council thanked Sheriff's department for helping with the Fun Days.

Chamber of Commerce Report by Faye Dykema; Stated the meet the candidates will be held on Wednesday October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Cedar River Garden Center from 6-8pm.

Parks & Recreation Report: Corey Lubahn wanted to clarify what basketball hoops would be placed in the Cedar River Estates Park. Gunter stated the old hoops will be removed from the old Community Center site and are to be installed in the CR Estates Park. Resolution #092809A to approve the allocation not to exceed \$2000.00 to the Park & Recreation Board for installation and concrete expense in installing the new park equipment in Dry Creek Estates, motion by Mengler seconded by Harris, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

#### Audience Comments:

Bill Zeller stated the town should get a big hand for having such a successful Fun Day event.

Jim Sparks questioned the status of the nuisance at 39 Lincoln Drive? City Staff stated there was a letter received by the Linn County Health Department that will go out along with a letter from the City. The property owner would need to follow the Ordinance regarding nuisance abatement. Council member Al Mengler placed Ordinance # 560-2009 City Clerk Publication on its 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution#092809B to award the RFQ for Escrow Agent for the HMGP property acquisition grant administration to Erek Sittig, Attorney at Law, motion by Mengler seconded by Gunter, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #092809C to award the RFQ for legal services for the HMGP property acquisition grant administration to Erek Sittig, Attorney at Law, motion by Gunter seconded by Mengler, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #092809D to approve the Speed Zone Map, motion by Harris seconded by Gunter, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #092809E to approve the placement of an additional Street Light located on the property of 4533 Shellsburg Road, motion by Mengler, seconded by Harris, roll call, Gunter abstained, motion carried (4-0),

Motion by Gunter to move forward with the street project on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Vinton Street with milled approaches and concrete all manholes along Linn Drive, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Discussion on installing a culvert under 1<sup>st</sup> Street running parallel with Blairs ferry Road. This will help control the flow of the storm water runoff by directing the water to the river. This project will also require putting a culvert under the driveways at 401 Blairs ferry Road. Motion by Harris to precede with culvert project, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #092809F to approve the Annual Street Financial Report, motion by Mengler, seconded by Gunter, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #092809G to approve the drainage easement between Bob & Kim Herr and the City of Palo, motion by Mengler, seconded by Harris, roll call, motion carried (5-0).

Resolution #092809H to thank the City of Clive for their donation of \$2402.73, motion by Mengler, seconded by Gunter, roll call, motion carried, (5-0).

**Department Reports:**

City Maintenance Tony Hite: stated they would like the Christmas lights so they can start putting up the brackets, would like to purchase more cones and barricades and place snow fence in Dry Creek Development. They will start checking pumps again this week.

**New Business**

Gunter discussed the Iowa League of Cities conference that Mayor Beauregard and Paula attended last week. They both gave a presentation at the conference about community involvement. They would like to thank all the residents involved in the new groups and committees. Gunter stated she was also elected to the E-board for the League. Mayor Beauregard stated he would like to strongly encourage all new elected officials to attend the MLA (Municipal Leadership Academy).

Mayor Beauregard read all the names of the recipients that received awards for volunteering in Palo that were not available at the Palo Fun Day. Stated Marilyn Barta received the Citizen of the Year Award was given a gold key with inscription as well as inscribed on the plaque for the citizen of the year hanging on the wall in the FS building and will eventually be moved to the new Community Center. This has been instituted as a yearly community appreciation event.

Mayor Beauregard read the letter from Delmar Jellison thanking the City, Council & Staff for a successful event. Beauregard would like to thank Tom Watson for all of his time, personnel employees and equipment donated for helping set up the mud runs.

City Attorney Scott Peterson discussed their move to a new office.

Motion by Gunter to adjourn at 7:48 pm, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk