

City of Palo  
Council Meeting Minutes  
April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Temporary City Hall located at the FS Building. Mayor Beauregard called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council present: Alan Mengler, Paula Gunter-Mayor Pro-tempore, Jeannie Blumer, Trent Miller and John Harris. Others present: City Attorney; Scott Peterson, City Engineer; Matt Shock, City Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson, City Public Works Director; Tony Hite.

- ❖ Mayor Beauregard asked everyone to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.
- ❖ Motion by Gunter to approve the agenda, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (5-0).
- ❖ Motion by Mengler to approve the consent agenda with the change that is was Gunter who stated she would research lighting for the community display board, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

City of Palo Claims Report: Iowa Dept. of Revenue, State Taxes, \$843.00; Ipers, Ipers, \$1,788.01; Municipal Pipe Tool Co. LLC. , Flood SW Lining Repair, \$97,917.69; Palo Savings Bank, Fed/Fica Taxes, \$4,494.44; Qualtrics Labs, Yrly Survey License, \$2,250.00; Ralston Construction, Reimbursement incentive, \$827.00. Total \$108,120.14

- ❖ Chamber of Commerce Report by Faye Dykema; Camp Noah at the Cedar River Garden Center June 21-26<sup>th</sup>, Community Group report on Palo Fun Day August 29, 2009. Questions will be addressed at next council meeting.
- ❖ Rebuild Palo Fund Report by Tom Watson; Will be disbursing second round Funds once all applications have been processed for the first round.
- ❖ Parks & Recreation Report: Rob Bower discussed the Farmers Market that would be from May 23<sup>rd</sup> through Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Motion by Gunter to close Vinton Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> street during the farmers market hours 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from 1:30-4pm, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (4-0).
  - Rob Bower also discussed the advertising banners for the ball park. Motion by Mengler to purchase banner with City Logo, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).
  - Keith Fay gave a presentation on the design for the Dry Creek Estates Park. Motion by Gunter to approve \$25,000 to go towards the purchase of park equipment, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).
- ❖ P& Z report by Doug Hanover; Stated the P & Z committee is recommending to the Council to move forward with the Iowa Northern Railroad with having them submit a concept plan for growth to the west of Palo.

Audience Comments: Bill Zeller thanked town for placing containers in parking for flood debris. Would like to see pot holes repaired

- ❖ Penny Galvin representing the LTRC ( Long Term Recovery Center) stated there are several services that they can help individuals with flood recovery. Please contact Penny if you need assistance.
- ❖ Scott Peterson proposed Ordinance Amendment pertaining to Powers and Duties, will place on next Agenda for consideration. Proposed a resolution regarding Contract Service Policy, will also place on next Agenda for consideration.
- ❖ Mayor Beauregard presented CDBG grant application for disaster recovery regarding a water distribution system. The City is applying for a 7.4 million dollar grant. Motion by Mengler to open public hearing at 7:35pm, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

- Blumer mentioned the City will be having an open forum for water education discussion at the Town Hall Meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.
- Penny Galvin stated there is some funding the residents would not qualify for because of the lack of City Water.
- Motion by Mengler to close public hearing at 7:45pm, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).
- ❖ Ordinance #552-2009 Rental Housing Regulation and Safety Program. Motion by Mengler to approve the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #552-2009, seconded by Harris, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Mengler to suspend the requirements for a separate reading as per Iowa Code 380.3, seconded by Harris, Blumer nay, v.v, motion carried (4-1). Motion by Mengler to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #552-2009, seconded by Gunter, Blumer nay, v.v, motion carried (4-1).
- ❖ Ordinance #553-2009 Sewer Ordinance Service and Utility Locate Fees, motion by Mengler to approve 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #553-2009, seconded by Miller v.v, Blumer nay, motion carried (4-1).
- ❖ Ordinance #554-2009 Subdivision Street Standards. Motion by Mengler to approve 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Ordinance #554-2009, seconded by Harris, v.v, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Mengler to suspend the requirements for a separate reading as per Iowa Code 380.3, seconded by Miller, v.v, motion carried (5-0). Motion by Mengler to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final reading of Ordinance #554-2009, seconded by Harris, v.v, motion carried (5-0).
- ❖ Mengler motioned to approve the RFQ's Pirc-Tobin Construction for the Covington Rd Culvert Repair for \$10,574 and Borst Bros. Construction for the 1<sup>st</sup> Street Bridge Repair \$24,139.70, seconded by Harris, motion carried (5-0)
- ❖ Resolution #042709A to approve the appointment of Chris Salee to the Board of Adjustment, motion by Mengler, seconded by Harris, motion carried (5-0).
- ❖ Motion by Mengler to accept applications for a full-time and part-time maintenance employee, seconded by Miller, motion carried (5-0).

#### **Department Reports:**

- ❖ Gunter reported on the approval of the Hazard Mitigation Plan from FEMA.
- ❖ Watson stated they had successful test of the new lift station. It will be shut down until gravity feed is completed.

#### **Old Business**

- ❖ Work Session set for the Council and Staff for May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- ❖ Watson asked if the council would like to proceed with the creek cleanout project. Council agreed.

#### **New Business**

- ❖ Discussion on Brogans outside area. Stated that they need to comply by state regulations regarding the smoking area requirements and as well as the issue with patrons carrying their drinks outside.

Motion by Mengler, Seconded by Gunter to go into Closed Session @ 8:35pm as per Iowa Code Chapter 21.5 sub (C).

Motion by Mengler to adjourn at 9:27pm, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (5-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk

