City of Palo
Council Meeting Minutes
August 11th, 2008

The Palo City Council met in Open Session Monday August 11th, 2008 at the Temporary City Hall located at the FS Building. Mayor Pro-tem Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council present: Alan Mengler, Paula Gunter-Mayor Pro-tem, and JeannieBlumer. Absent: Council Member: Julie Klawiter, Mayor: Jeff Beauregard. Others present: City Attorney; Scott Peterson, City Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson, City Administrator; Stacy Dix, City Volunteer Coordinator; Penny Galvin, City Public Works Director; Tony Hite.

- Mayor Pro-tem Gunter opened the public hearing @ 6:30 pm regarding Ordinance #536-2008 Deliquent Utility Accounts.
  - S. Dix stated this is a legislative update
- Mayor Pro-tem Gunter opened the public hearing @ 6:35 regarding Ordinance #537-2008 Non-Conforming Uses 165.20.
  - Watson discussed this would pertain to the homes that are being demolished and are rebuilding on the same lot that would not be able to comply with current zoning ordinances.
- Motion by Mengler to approve the Agenda with the acception of adding Benton/Linn Ambulance, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (3-0)

- Linn County Sherriff's report; still patrolling the contracted 25 hours per week and are here full-time at night.

- Harding Middle School student council presented the Mayor and council with a check for $1000.00 to go towards the Palo Rebuilding Fund due to the flood. Also announced they will be having a fundraiser in October with all proceeds going to Cedar Rapids and Palo Flood victims. Mayor pro-tem and council thanked them for the donation.

- Motion by Mengler, seconded by Blumer to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, motion carried (3-0).

- Motion by Blumer, seconded by Mengler to approve the bills and budget, motion carried (3-0).

Alliant Energy	Gas & Electric	178.92
Palo Coop.	Telephone Service	675.59
Ipers	Ipers	3,340.10
Palo Savings Bank	Fed/FICA/Taxes	8,719.76
Iowa Dept. Rev.	State Taxes	1,868.00
US Postal	Postage	228.42
Rudd Sanitation	Solid Waste Disposal	215.00
Linn County REC	Street Lights	28.85

Keystone Laboratories	Testing	272.80
Menards	Supplies	558.76
Office Express	Office Supplies	104.04
Crawford Quarry Co	Premix for streets-flood	490.92
Scott Peterson	Legal Fees	6,948.30
IMWCA	Workers Comp	983.00
TrueNorth Companies, LC	Life Insurance	32.00
Iowa League of Cities	Meeting & Travel	700.00
Iowa Workforce Develop.	Unemployment	356.65
Linn County Sherrif's Office	Police Protection	7,800.00
IDNR	NPEDES Permit	210.00
Data Technologies	Technology Expense	14.00
Office Elements	Copier Images	423.27
L.L Pelling Co	Street Maint. Flood	1,238.30
Watson Services	Refuge& Recycl-flood	20,797.00
Hach Company	Sewer Supplies	78.50
Anderson-Bogert	Sant. Sewer SRF	6,907.36
Matt Parrott & Sons Co.	Office supplies-Flood	274.54
Pool Tech	Parts	37.90
Treasurer- State of Iowa	Sales Tax 4/1/08-6/30/08	138.00
UPS	Postage Delivery	32.88
Hart-Frederick Consult.	Waste Water Plant SRF	21,949.01
Cedar Rapids Winpump	Motor-Flood	1,455.27
ACS Government Systems	Dues	105.00
Ralston Construction	Refuge & Recycl.- Flood	4,991.45
Hawkins Inc.	Chemicals	2,412.06
Farm Plan	Park Supplies	109.74
Port"o"Jonny	Pumping-Flood	1,875.00
Wright Express	Fuel	734.57
Office Max	Phones	285.27
Rexco Equipment	Tractor Repair- Flood	333.31
Iowa Codification	Codification	150.00
Bockenstedt Excavating Inc.	SRF waste water contract	108,425.47
Trisca Smetzer	Office Supplies	58.92
Lowes Home Center	Supplies	53.55
Nesper Sign Advertising, Inc	Signs for flood	739.74
Advantage, Fs Inc.	Rent	5,868.55
Qwest	phone service	71.00
CR/LC Solid Waste Agency	Landfill-flood	2,540.35
Verocity Wireless	Phone set-up Tony	60.60
Rod Van Wart	Inspections-flood	2,884.25
Allied Systems Inc.	Lift Station Parts	218.48
MC2 Inc.	Propeller	626.84
Galaxy Heating	Contract-flood	9,675.00
Freese Well Drilling	Well	39,462.00
Teledyne ISCO Inc.	Lift Station-flood	1,816.80

Water Pro Inc.	Clean Water-flood	54.48
Michelle Nidjl	Postage	3.12
Terry Parson	Vacuum bag & garg. Bags	23.95
Amie Frank	Rental	500.00
Raymond Janko	Storage Rental-flood	420.00
	Total Accounts Payable cks	2**71,584.34**

Payroll:

General	26,792.56
Road Use	1,005.16
Sewer	5,413.08

Disbursements by Fund:

General	150,952.77
Road Use	5,043.31
Employee Benefits	1,053.89
Tif	0
Sewer Project	130,374.48
Sewer	17,370.69

Revenue by Fund:

General	11,156.48
Road Use	6,160.56
Empl. Benefits	4,140.69
L.O.S.T	30,931.36
TIF	
Sewer Project	
Sewer	8,196.31

- Motion by Mengler, seconded by Blumer to approve the CBU's to be placed in the Community Center Parking lot along the South west side, motion carried (3-0).

- Ordinance #536-2008 Ammending provisions pertaining to delinquent utility accounts subsection 99.05(1) and 99.07 lien notice. Motion by Blumer to approve the first reading of Ordinance #536-2008, seconded by Mengler, voice vote, (3-0).

- Ordinance #537-2008 Amending provision pertaining to Non-conforming uses, after discussion will table until next council meeting.

- Jim Ecker spoke on behalf of the Jr.Cougar ball group. Would like to help with the clean-up process as soon as possible. Watson stated the concession stand and the bathrooms are going to have to come down and will eventually be replaced. The ball group will start to help clean up the grounds.

- **Resolution #081108A to appoint Trent Miller to fill the vacancy on Council**, motion by Gunter, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (3-0).

- Drainage discussion about future projects that the city is working on with the corp of engineers, one being the Vinton street drainage project.

- **Resolution #081108B to transfer $40,000 from the Money Market account to the General Ledger fund,** motion by Mengler, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (3-0).

- Scott Peterson briefly discussed a training seminar for all council members and the mayor to discuss and go over policy and procedures.

- Hazard mitigation plan tabled until next meeting.

- Motion by Mengler, seconded by Blumer to accept Steve Mason's resignation as Fire Chief for the City of Palo, motion carried (3-0).

- **Resolution #081108C to appoint Jud Starn as Fire Chief for the City of Palo**, motion by Mengler, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (3-0).

- **Resolution #081108D to approve the salary for Eric Moen to be the same as temp. employee back dated to June 9th, 2008**, motion by Blumer, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (3-0).

- Motion by Mengler to approve Mayor to sign contract for Ambulance service through Hiawatha, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (3-0).

Department Reports:

- Fire department- 1 medical to FPL

Audience Comments:

- Question regarding drainage issues in Cedar River Estates
  - Watson stated the city is working on drainage projects in town.

- Faye Dykema with the Christian Reform World Relief Committee (CRWRC) stated they will be conducting a needs assessment for all of the Palo residents between August 18, 20, & 22 from 3pm-7pm and August 23 from 10am-3pm located at Xtreme Concrete 300 Blairs Ferry Road Palo, IA.

Motion by Mengler to adjourn @8:35, seconded by Blumer

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk