

City of Palo
 Council Meeting Minutes
 April 13th, 2009

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday April 13th, 2009 at the Temporary City Hall located at the FS Building. Mayor Pro Tempore Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council present: Alan Mengler, Paula Gunter-Mayor Pro-tempore and Jeannie Blumer. Absent: Council; Trent Miller and Mayor Jeff Beauregard. Others present: City Attorney; Scott Peterson, City Engineer; Jon Bogert, City Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson, City Administrator; Stacy Dix, City Public Works Director; Tony Hite.

- ❖ Mayor Pro-Tempore Gunter asked everyone to stand and say the pledge of allegiance.
- ❖ Motion by Mengler to approve the agenda with adding the Sheriff's report after #2, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (3-0).
- ❖ Motion by Mengler to approve the consent agenda with the addition of one bill for Spider's Welding \$4454.82, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (3-0).

City of Palo Claims Report:

Vendor Name	Reference	Vendor Total
ABC Disposal	CC Debris Removal	\$808.45
Alliant Energy	Gas & Electric	2,000.07
Amy Wheatley	Reimbursement	25.00
Anderson-Bogert	SW Project Flood	12,180.29
Avenet	Maintenance	336.00
Bee Line Products Corp	1 st Bridge Repair Flood	193.00
Black Hawk Soil/Water	Training, Meeting, Travel	100.00
Burt Trucking	BB Field Flood Lime	60.00
Cougar Baseball	BB Field Food Equip	447.75
Crawford Quarry	Fill	10.00
Culligan	Water	38.00
D&N Fence Co.	Fence Flood	90.45
Data Tech	Training	95.00
Emerson Specialty	Misc., Security	682.34
Hardware		
Eric Moen	Temp City Hall Repairs	134.59
Farm Plan	City Truck	114.85
Foley Construction	SW Project PPE 9	108,104.90
Freese Well Drilling	Well	42,647.00
Gazette	Legal Publication	324.30
Hart-Frederick	SW Project	5,531.00
Hawkins, Inc.	Chemicals	1,100.62
Hupp Electric Motors	Lift Station Flood	1,729.14
IIMC	Membership	250.00
IA Dept. Revenue	State Taxes	825.00
IA League Cities	Workshop	60.00
Iowa One Call	Locates	35.10
Iowa Workforce Develop	Unemployment	69.17
IPERS	Ipers	1,774.79

Keystone Labs	Testing	10.50
Linn County Auditor	Lost Election	581.87
Linn County Treasurer	28E Maintenance	380.00
Linn County REC	Lights	246.86
Linn County Sherriff	Protection	7,800.00
Menards	Material	259.45
Michelle NejdI	Mileage	72.05
Municipal Pipe Tool	Flood Retainer, Camera	174.75
Nesper signs	Dry Erase Panels	1,521.73
Office Express	Office Supplies	262.31
Palo Coop	Phone	235.73
Palo Savings Bank	Fed/Fica Taxes	4,358.43
Port O Jonny	Portable toilets flood	450.00
Price Industrial	Electrical BB field flood	2,971.00
Rudd Sanitation	Solid Waste	3,167.25
Schimberg	Repair lid	313.17
Scott Peterson	Legal Fees	9,728.00
Secretary of State	Notary fees	30.00
Solum Lang Architects	CC Schematic design	3,000.00
Spider's Welding	Remove Walking bridge	5480.82
Tony Hite	Street Maintenance	821.47
Treasurer Iowa	Sales Tax	437.00
Trisca Smetzer	Reimbursement Fema Sup.	111.39
True north Co.	Life Insurance	72.00
US Postal	Postage	155.40
Verocity Wireless	Phone	62.95
Watson Service	Lift Station	2,191.50
Wellmark BC/BS	Health Insurance	3,953.90
Paid Total		228,616.34

Payroll:

General	14,658.36
Road Use	1,139.08
Sewer	1,257.61

Disbursements by Fund:

General	103,253.58
Road Use	4,561.09
Employee Benefits	1,949.33
Tif	0
Sewer Project	113,854.40
Sewer	4,997.94

Revenue by Fund:

General	11,815.88
Road Use	5,695.99
Empl. Benefits	0.00
L.O.S.T	0.00
TIF	0.00
Sewer Project	0.00
Sewer	16,944.33

- ❖ Motion by Mengler to approve the resignation of Council member Klawiter, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (3-0).
- ❖ **Resolution 041309A to appoint John Harris to fill the unexpired term of Council Member Klawiter**, motion by Gunter, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (3-0). Mayor Pro Tempore swore John Harris in to office.
- ❖ Sheriff's report 108.33 hrs required, 127.80 hrs actually worked.
- ❖ Chamber of Commerce Report by Dan Diehm; Alliant BBQ April 22nd, 5:30-7:30, Sat. April 18th & 25th Project Recovery Kid Camp, Sunday May 3rd Rain Garden Midwest Ground Cover out of Chicago, Fri. June 12th Serve the City BBQ all located at the Garden Center. Applied for Trees forever and approved for \$1800 for seeding native grasses. Working on signs for businesses have a prototype to display. Rob Roman will help with seeding.
- ❖ Rebuild Palo Fund Report by Tom Watson; applied for grant, not disbursing funds for the second round until all applications have been submitted for the first round.

Audience Comments:

- ❖ Sandy Woods- Issue with Rebuild Palo Fund giving \$3000 to help build new houses. Would like to submit a petition with 79 signatures in opposition of this.
 - Gunter stated the Rebuild Palo Fund is not a part of the City of Palo it is a Private Non-Profit Organization that was formed to help with the rebuilding process. It is comprised of 6 board members. We can forward onto them, however if they would like to contact the RPF we would encourage you to do so.
 - ❖ Jenny Cady- Concerned with Rebuild Palo Fund offering incentive would rather see every home owner receive \$3000.
 - Gunter reiterated that the Rebuild Palo Fund is separate from the City.
 - ❖ Brian Beaty concerned if the City does not see added growth our taxes and sewer rates will increase even higher. Why not let the Rebuild Palo Fund try and help with offering an incentive instead of the current residents having to pay higher bills in the end.
 - ❖ Dan Oliphant- Why council posted email encouraging residents to contact council if they are not in favor of the sewer ordinance.
 - Blumer stated she sent out email only to get a response from citizens if they were in favor or not.
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- ❖ Motion by Mengler to award DW Zinser the Community Center/City Hall Demolition Bid being the lowest bidder at \$42,894, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0).
 - ❖ Handicapped parking discussion to leave sign on Vinton Street as is.
 - ❖ **Resolution #041309B to set Public Hearing for CDBG Disaster Recovery Grant Application**, Motion by Mengler, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (4-0).
 - ❖ Motion by Mengler to approve the authorization for Mayor Beauregard to sign the CDBG grant application, seconded by Blumer, motion carried (4-0).
 - ❖ Motion by Mengler to open the public hearing @7:24pm regarding Ordinance #552-2009 Rental Housing Regulation and Safety Program, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0). Dave Schuettmer discussed concerns of the rental inspection process in Cedar Rapids, Motion by Mengler to close public hearing @ 7:26pm, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0). Motion by Mengler to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #552-2009, seconded by Harris, v.v, motion carried (4-0).

- ❖ Motion by Harris to open the public hearing @7:29pm regarding Ordinance #553-2009 Sewer Ordinance Service and Utility Locate Fees, seconded by Mengler, motion carried (4-0). Gunter stated that the Ordinance is for sewer billing to start on any new residential construction 6 months after the building permit is approved as well as adding a \$25.00 locate fee for delinquent utility bills that have received a final notice. Motion by Mengler to close public hearing @ 7:33pm, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0). Blumer stated concerns about the sewer billing portion would like to see new residential construction pay the \$1500 hook-up fee and start paying for service immediately prior to house being constructed, motion by Mengler to approve 2nd reading of Ordinance #553-2009, seconded by Harris, v.v, Blumer nay, motion carried (3-1).
- ❖ Motion by Mengler to open the public hearing @7:50pm regarding Ordinance #554-2009 Subdivision Street Standards, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0). Peterson stated the design standards would change requiring developers to comply with hard surfacing requirements of PCC or asphalt. Motion by Mengler to close public hearing @ 7:55pm, seconded by Gunter, motion carried (4-0). Motion by Mengler to approve 1st reading of Ordinance #554-2009, seconded by Harris, v.v, motion carried (4-0).
- ❖ Brogan's conditional use permit for outdoor smoking area. Owner needs to comply with state laws regarding outdoor smoking areas.
- ❖ Council requested solar lighting for Marquee and Kiosk. Mengler will research pricing.
- ❖ Linda Olsen representing the Senior Housing stated the board has decided not to sell the senior housing units that were inundated by the flood at this time.
- ❖ Motion by Mengler to approve the purchase of Qualtrics survey software, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0).
- ❖ May 25th, 2009 Council meeting will be moved to May 26th due to following on Memorial Day.
- ❖ **Resolution #041309C property lien 41 Church St.,** Motion by Mengler, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0).

Department Reports:

Watson reported sewer project is progressing they will be moving up Linn Drive.

Motion by Mengler to adjourn @ 8:22pm, seconded by Harris, motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk