

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday June 8th, 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: Alan Mengler, Paula Gunter-Mayor Pro-tempore, Trent Miller and John Harris. Absent: Jeannie Blumer. Others present: City Attorney; Erekk Sittig, City Infrastructure Commander; Tom Watson.

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

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to approve the agenda with the addition of moving item #14 after item #20, seconded by Council member John Harris, motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Council member Trent Miller to approve the consent agenda including May 26th, 2009 Council meeting minutes with the correction of adding a second motion to allocate money to the basketball court, and changing RFP to RPF, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, motion carried (4-0). Claims Report: ABC Disposal, Flood Debris c.c, \$1800.75; Advanced Environmental, asbestos inspection c.c, \$953.00; Advantage FS, June rent, \$2000.00; All Seasons Equipment, Low Viscos, \$21.19; Alliant Energy, Gas & Electric, \$2366.52; American Arbitration Association, Hearing, \$939.00; Anderson-Bogert, Meetings/Driveway/Zoning, \$15005.96; Boland Recreation, c.c park equip., \$13598.00; Borst Brothers Const. Inc., 1st St. Bridge Repair, \$43188.30; Boy Scouts of America, Flood painting walking bridge, \$550.00; Brown Concrete, Blairsferry lift station pumping, \$335.00; City of Cedar Rapids, Sewer Connection charge, \$1,071,338.58; Crawford Quarry Co, road stone & 1inch clean, \$963.51; Culligan, Water, \$26.25; Don McCluskey, Flood Debris removal, \$300.00; Emily Sternowski, Library Card, \$25.00; Farm plan, Sprayer, \$169.45; Fine Line Printing, Demo load tickets, \$1,197.96; Game time, Park equipment, \$46,444.00; Gazette Communications, legal publication, \$490.18; Grainger, Hose cart, \$189.75; Hawkins, Chemicals, \$2,681.17; Helen Thies, SW overpayment, \$259.07; IACMA, membership dues, \$120.00; IMWCA, Worker's Comp, \$4,855.00; Iowa Firefighters Assoc., Dues, \$210.00; Iowa League of Cities, clerks academy, \$540.00; Iowa State University, FSTB/materials, \$747.00; John Leslein, Library card, \$25.00; Keystone labs, Flood bacteria test kit, \$21.00; Linn Co. Rec., street lights, \$2172.75; Linn Co. Public Health, burn permit, \$5.00; Lois Ralston, Library card, \$25.00; Megan Murphy, pictures, \$4.82; Menards, lawn chemicals/parks, \$443.43; Midway Outdoor equip., Oil, \$40.49; Office Express, Paper, \$134.61; Orkin, spray temp c.c., \$59.22; Palo Automotive, Flood Tractor repair, \$1,102.01; Palo Coop., service, \$425.12; Palo Savings Bank, IRA deduction, \$3,000.00; Pirc.Tobin Const., Covington Rd culvert, \$10,550.25; Pool Tech, Emergency Well testing, \$46.71; Rexco Equipment, Vehicle repair, \$11.80; Rudd Sanitation, Solid Waste, \$3206.50; Sarah Hartwig, Library card, \$25.00; Scott Peterson, legal fees, \$6783.08; Spiders Welding, Farmers Market signs, \$115.00; Summer's Enterprise Inc., SW project PPE #6, \$47,243.34; The Louis Group, Archaeological Survey Cityhall, \$1,975.00; Tony Hite, Ford Tractor Manual, \$33.99; Trisca Smetzer, Computer virus protection, \$57.71; US Postal, Postage utility bills, \$115.92; USA bluebook, Testing kit, \$51.28; Verocity wireless, Phone service, \$62.95; Watson Service, Flood SW dis. dangerous build., \$1,157.19; Wellmark BC/BS, Health Ins., \$3953.90; Wright Express, fuel, \$57.36; D.W.Zinser Co., Asbestos abate/demo c.c, \$42,602.75
Total acct. payable, \$1,334,812.82 Total Payroll \$8,975.48

Chamber of Commerce Report by Faye Dykema; Stated there have been 8 welcome wagon packets handed out and more will be distributed this includes over \$300.00 value of discounts for local businesses. Chamber is in process of getting C6 & C3 status. Discussed the map to be placed on the kiosk. Business group is working on the community sign.

Parks & Recreation Report: Corey Lubahn discussed the purchases for park equipment. Resolution #060809A for park funding to be distributed as such: Dry Creek, \$35,928.51; Cedar River, \$11,000.00; Drake Park, \$4,472.20; Basketball Court, \$4,134.40 and Baseball Diamond, \$22,349.89 motion by Council member John Harris to seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, motion carried (4-0).

Linn County Sherriff's report scheduled hours 108.33 actual hours worked 129.30.

Audience Comments:

Council member Trent Miller answered the questions that were submitted to Palo City Hall.

Q: Update on the Vinton Street R.R. tracks. A: Matt Shock & Tom have been working with the Railroad to coincide the track repair with the culvert project.

Q: Problem with hick n bob on 2nd street. A: Tom Watson stated it looks like its plugged the city will jet it out.

Q: Tree planting on Vinton Street status? A: This is an agenda item and will discuss it then.

Q: When are the railroad ties going to be cleaned up? A: The Iowa Northern Railroad stated they are having some financial issues as well as transportation issues with the waterloo bridge being out. Will be moved in late fall.

Q: Why are we buying chipper, we can rent one for \$300 a day? A: The city is looking into options.

Q: Request City look at Train Depot's in other cities. A: City will forward this information to the Depot Committee.

Motion by Council member Al Mengler to open the Public Hearing @ 7:05pm regarding the Budget Amendment for the FY 089/09, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, motion carried (4-0). Motion by Council member Al Mengler to close the Public Hearing @ 7:06pm, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, motion carried (4-0). Resolution #060809B to approve the budget amendment for the FY 08/09, motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council member John Harris, roll call, motion carried (4-0).

Resolution #060809C to approve Brogans outdoor service area, motion by Council member Al Mengler, seconded by Council Member Trent Miller, roll call, Harris Nay, motion carried (3-1).

Dave Griffin from the Eastern Iowa Arts Academy presented the program that the Academy would like to offer in Palo. They are renting 116 Vinton Street and working on repairing and updating the building. The classes would be 5 summer sessions including Adventures in Art, Tile Mosaic, More Adventures in Art & Junk Art. Motion by Council member Al Mengler to support the Arts program with a donation of \$1875, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, v.v, motion carried (4-0). Dave Griffin thanked the Council and stated that with the support of the City and Van Meter Industrial these initial summer classes will be free to students and adults who would like to participate. To learn more about the Iowa Art Academy visit www.eaaprogram.com or stop by 116 Vinton Street and pick up an application.

Jim Luckaska from the Cedar Edge II addition was present to discuss the acceptance of Shelby Lane. Mayor Jeff Beauregard stated that Shelby Lane was originally accepted as a private road due to the length being 1200 ft our Ordinance states a cul de sac be 600 ft or less, it is parallel with a major road, and the amount of homes that would be constructed compared to the amount of road that would need to be maintained. The last Council decision on Shelby Lane was at the January 14th, 2008 Council meeting, it was stated Mr. Kwopil has yet to comply with the design standard requirements, when Shelby Lane is compliant with street standards the council will revisit accepting Shelby Lane as a City Street. The City has not received documentation since that date. Council suggested the residents from Cedars Edge form a home owners association

and work with the developer. City Council will request the City Engineer review the Shelby Lane Street standards and submit a letter of the requirements to Mr. Kwapil.

Tree Planting on Vinton Street after brief discussion Council will refer this to the GEESE Committee or Palo Chamber of Commerce in reference to the visioning design that is currently being implemented.

May Jeff Beauregard tabled the Chipper purchase until more estimates are submitted. City is also looking into contracting this service.

Resolution #060809D to approve the Linn County Endowment Fund grant by matching funds up to \$15,000 for a trail system. Motion by Council member Al Mengler, seconded by Council member John Harris, roll call, motion carried (4-0).

Resolution #060809E approving the water utility referendum to be placed on the August 4th, 2009 ballot. Motion by Council member Paula Gunter, seconded by Council member John Harris, roll call, motion carried (4-0).

Council approved the bid letting of the Flood Related Structures for Demolition, bids are due back to the City by Thursday June 18th, 2009 at 2:30pm.

Council member Paula Gunter motioned to table Palo Mini Mart's wholesale liquor license until they receive more information.

Council member Paula Gunter placed Ordinance #556-2009 on its third and final reading, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, roll call, motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Council member Paula Gunter to place Ordinance #558-2009, on its second reading, modifying provisions pertaining to special speed zones, seconded by Council member Trent Miller, roll call, motion carried (4-0).

Tom Watson discussed the rain garden/absorption field project that the City is working on. This would include installing absorption fields in the right of way and ditch area. City will look into local grant options for local residents that would like to install a rain garden or infiltration strip. Discussion on the community signage, city staff will work with the Chamber and Business group for signage regulations.

Department Reports:

Council member Trent Miller reported on the Fire Department; 5 medical calls, 1 new member with FF1 status, Currently 22 members.

Tom Watson stated 1st street and Covington Rd will be closed on Wednesday June 10th for resurfacing. City is approximately 25 days away to be online with the sewer system. Stated the city staff has been very lenient on enforcement of the city ordinances. After June 13th the City will start enforcing the Nuisance Ordinance's.

New Business

Palo Chamber of Commerce will be hosting an open house on August 11th for prospective Mayor and Council Members for the November 4th 2009 election, location TBD.

Water Committee will be meeting on Saturday June 13th at 10:00am directly after the town hall meeting.

Motion by Council member Trent Miller to adjourn at 9:00pm, seconded by Council member Paula Gunter, motion carried (4-0).

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Smetzer, City Clerk