

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday, August 15, 2022, at the Palo Community Center in the Council Chambers. Mayor Van Kerckhove led those present in the pledge of allegiance then called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM with the following council present: Angie Brekke, Jen Welton, Pete Hagstrom, and Andrea Rahe. Mallory Schulte was absent. Others Present: Lenna Goodale, City Clerk; Clark Robertson, Public Works; Dan Morgan, City Attorney. Also, present Paul Hurley with Sensus, and Dan Ashworth with Municipal Supply. Hagstrom motioned for approval of the agenda. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0). Hagstrom motioned to approve the consent agenda. Welton second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

No Deputy to give Linn County Sheriff report. Hagstrom asked Robertson if speed cameras take photo. Robertson stated no. Rahe said the speed camera is not working on Blairs Ferry Rd. Robertson will call.

Mayor Van Kerckhove opened agenda related audience comments at 6:33pm. Kendra Klooster, 221 Driftwood Cir, asked if water topic could be first and if there would be opportunity for interactive discussion. Mayor stated water topic is item six on the agenda and when Council is having discussion on that topic, if there were anyone in the audiences with comments and if Council would like to call on, Council can at that time. Mayor asked Morgan if there was any other procedural. Morgan state there's closing comments at the end, in terms of council discussion, it's restricted for council. Brekke mention the agenda is to rescind the ordinance back to the old rates but going forward with the rates, council will need to schedule a workshop. Klooster asked if the July's bill will be adjusted back to the previous rates. Brekke stated that council will be discussing. Mayor closed comments at 6:35 pm.

Department Reports: Goodale gave clerk report. 51 penalties, 22 courtesy calls, 1 shut off and 3 nuisance letters. Meeting with ICAP. Meeting once a week with Erin from Palo Communication on grant funding. P&Z meeting is Tuesday night at 5 pm. Front entrance drywall fixed. Maintenance and Dan Ashworth checked 15 meters last week. Did reports for two years of consumption for each meter. They found 4 leaks and 1 major leak. All were thankful but one. Hagstrom asked about ICAP meeting. Goodale informed council every two years they go through cities safety procedures to make sure city is in compliance.

Robertson gave maintenance report: past month working on park for Palo Fun Days. Last week, checked different water meters. One massive leak, one consistently leaking. One resident had a leaky toilet which caused 3000 gallons of water for the month. Robertson encourage residents to check their toilets. Walking bridge is fixed and will continue working on the park.

Jeff Gibbons gave fire department report, had four calls this month. Two fire, one medical and one animal rescue. Training PA course Tuesday. Will be using City Hall parking lot. This is a requirement every year. Palo fun days coming up. Will be supporting the 5K run and fire coverage at the track. Will be a big present at the parade. ISO audit last week of September. Shirley Harrison retired from the fire department after 15 years. Mayor report: Mayor reminded city staff and elected officials Linn County will be here next week hold a public forum for the NextEra proposed Phase I and Phase II.

Brekke asked Morgan if council can adjust the due date or state with the motion to approve. Brekke asked Goodale if bills can be printed. Goodale stated yes, they might not all get sent out on Tuesday. Goodale will highlight the amount that is due, and bills will be in an envelope not a postcard. Anyone that has already paid, bill will show as a credit. Brekke asked if the ACH's will have the new corrected amount. Discussion had on due date. Hagstrom would like to make October a goal date for the first reading of new rates. Brekke motion to pass Ordinance No. 42-2022 Rescinding Ordinance 36-2022 and 37-2022 regarding the water rates and sewer rates. This will rescind back to the previous ordinance and will also note there will be a due date this month bill on August 31. And will not be applying penalties for the first reading. Hagstrom second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0). Brekke motion to suspend the rules requiring Ordinance No. 42-2022 be voted on at two meetings prior to final approval. Rahe second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0). Brekke motion for final passage and adoption with respect to **ORDINANCE NO. 42-2022**. Hagstrom second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0). Goodale confirmed rates back to ordinance 9-2022. Brekke stated yes and mayor would like ordinance 9-2022 to be sent with the letter and new invoice to residents.

Brekke motion to open the public hearing at 6:51 pm. Hagstrom second. Welton motion to close the public hearing at 6:52 pm. Rahe second. Hagstrom motion to approve **Resolution No. 081522A** the budget amendment FY23. Welton second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Hagstrom motion to open the public hearing for city owned property at 6:53 pm. Welton second. Some discussion had. Welton motion to approve **Resolution No. 081522B** authorizing the sale of property in the amount of \$5000. Hagstrom second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Hagstrom motion to approve **Resolution No. 081522C** authorizing the transfer of funds to the water money market account in the amount of \$25,000.08 FY23. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Goodale informed council that maintenance mowed parcel no. 12301-02003-00000 and three letters were sent regarding the past due invoice for \$200. If resolution passes a final letter will be sent to resident giving them until September 12, to pay or a lien would be

placed. The letter would be sent certified mail. More discussion had. Brekke motion to pass **Resolution No. 081522D** regarding to the delinquent account for mowing. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Brekke asked if there were any substantial changes on the Fire Dept Bylaws from last time. Gibbons stated the biggest change was adding the junior firefighters and those recommendation came from legal. Hagstrom motion to approve **Resolution No. 081522E** the fire department bylaws. Welton second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion had on **Ordinance 39-2022 Chapter 69 Parking Regulations” Two Hour Parking”**. If residents parking in front of businesses, parking in the back of building. Hagstrom concerned with the hours from 8am – 8pm. Mayor asked Robertson to verify if there is parking in the alley for residents. Robertson will get a quote on painting lines for designated parking spots. Welton motion to table ordinance 39-2022 Chapter 69 Parking Regulations for two-hour parking for next month. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Welton motion to open the public hearing at 7:07 pm. Hagstrom second. Welton closed public comment period at 7:07 pm. Hagstrom second. Brekke had question on reapplying yearly. Goodale stated its allowing subdivisions to have signs more visible from the road and applying yearly because sign will come down after development is completed. Goodale also stated P&Z did recommend the ordinance change. Hagstrom motion to approve the first reading of **Ordinance No. 40-2022**. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0). Hagstrom consider motion to suspend the rules requiring Ordinance No. 40-2022 be voted on at two meetings prior to final approval. Welton second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0). Hagstrom motion to approve the final passage and adoption with respect to **Ordinance No. 40-2022 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADDING TO CHAPTER 165 ZONING REGULATIONS “SUBDIVISION SIGNS” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALO, IOWA**. Welton second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Consider Ordinance No. 41-2022 Amending Chapter 165 Zoning Regulations “Bulk Regulations” of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palo, Iowa. Brekke motion to open public hearing at 7:11 pm. Hagstrom second. Brekke motion to close public hearing at 7:11 pm. Hagstrom second. Brekke motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 41-2022 regarding bulk regulations of a minimum home’s size of 1000 sq ft. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0). Second reading will be next month.

Brekke motion to approve AlertIowa link to be put on City of Palo website. Hagstrom second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Brekke motion to approve the Continental Fire Sprinkler Co quote for City Hall and the Fire Department for \$1060. Hagstrom second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Mayor open general audience comments at 7:14pm. Goodale stated that we have experts here to discuss meters if anyone has questions. Brekke asked them to state their name and their business. Paul Hurley with Sensus, and Dan Ashworth with Municipal Supply Des Moines. Erin Petersen with Palo Communications gave update that she was notified they were awarded \$1500 between WLCG, City of Palo and American Legion. Palo Communication is matching with a total of \$3000 that will be presents on Friday August 19 at Memorial Park for the Freedom Rock. Petersen encourages any 501 3C and 504 3C to contact her for grant information. She stated that the City of Palo and herself are working on a \$50,000 potential grant for Memorial Park and \$20,000 for the pond beautification of the first phase of the trail loop. Mayor closed public comment period at 7:17 pm. New/old business: Brekke asked council to look over the 2nd meter information that was in the packet and if they wanted to add anything to let Goodale know. Mayor informed council that meter information and the ordinance will be included with the letter going out to residents. Hagstrom motion to adjourn at 7:19 pm. Rahe second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0). Respectfully,