

The Palo City Council met in open session on Monday, October 21, 2024, at the Palo Community Center in the Council Chambers. Pete Hagstrom led those present in the pledge of allegiance and then called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Councilmembers present: Pete Hagstrom, Doug Hanover, Jen Welton, and Darren Stoltenberg. Angie Brekke and Mayor Eric Van Kerckhove was absent. Others Present: Allison Groff, Deputy Clerk; Clark Robertson, Public Works; Dan Morgan City Attorney; Michelle Cheever, City Engineer. Motioned by Hanover, seconded by Stoltenberg to approve the agenda. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0). Hanover motioned to approve the consent agenda. Welton second. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

## CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ABC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC	WASTE	13,968.38
AIRGAS USA, LLC	WELDING GAS	78.50
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	4,561.45
ANDERSON-BOGERT	ENGINEERING	62,735.08
ANDREW LUTTER	FD FOOD	218.97
CATALIS PUBLIC WORKS & CITIZEN	FY25	2,120.00
CEDAR RAPIDS MUN. UTIL.	SEWER USAGE	27,070.38
CINTAS CORPORATION	CH/CC	646.45
CITY OF FAIRFAX	INSPECTOR	3,060.62
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	DRUG TESTING DOT	350.00
CYNTHIA STIMSON	MENTOR	65.64
DEERE & COMPANY	UTV	28,769.73
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INSURANCE	215.30
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,156.27
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EO JOHNSON TECHNOLOGIES	COPIER	185.15
FERTILIZER DEALER SUPPLY	SPRAYER	5,975.00
FUSIONSITE Midwest LLC	CLYMER PARK	594.00
FUTURE LINE TRUCK EQUIPMENT	PLOW REPAIR	384.75
GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	LEGAL PUBLICATION	816.00
GEE ASPHALT SYSTEMS INC.	DALE LEE DR	18,509.48
HAWKEYE COMMUNICATION INC.	CELL DIALER	294.00
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS	1,919.88
IDNR	DNR PERMIT	115.00

IMWCA	WORKER'S COMP	800.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	STATE TAXES	2,754.60
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES TAX	243.98
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	WET TAX	2,157.55
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	110.70
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY	GROFF TRAINING	224.00
IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	231.10
IPERS	IPERS	4,000.98
IPERS	ADJUSTMENT	(0.02)
ITS	TECHNOLOGY	846.00
KENWOOD RECORDS MGT INC.	RECYCLE BIN	15.90
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	FD TRAINING	40.00
LENNA GOODALE	MILEAGE/PER DIEM	797.04
LINN COUNTY PLAN. & DEV.	3RD QTR RENTAL	175.00
LINN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH	GENERATOR	1,000.00
LINN COUNTY REC	STREET LIGHTS	262.61
LINN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	CONTRACT FOR SERVICES	10,962.00
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL	2,260.00
MARVIN RATHJE	PERMIT REFUND	25.00
MENARDS SOUTH INC.	WATER SUPPLY	106.50
MENARDS-MARION	BAKERS SCAFFOLD	337.03
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	429.25
MILES WYATT	FD TRAINING	175.00
MUNSON ELECTRIC INC	OUTLET WT	998.68
P & K MIDWEST	PARTS	190.18
PALO COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASS	TELEPHONE	655.81
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC.	WT PEST CONTROL	80.25
RED LION RENEWABLES LLC	SOLAR PANELS	2,364.84
REPUBLIC ELECTRIC COMPANY LLC	STREET SIGNS	1,969.53

STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS	1,697.44
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	OCT HEALTH INS	2,511.46
US BANK	SUPPLIES-TRAINING	718.52
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	311.32
US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY	RIVER GAGE	3,445.00
US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	454.36
WEST SIDE AGENCY INC	RENEWAL POLICY	180.00
WEX BANK	FIRE DEPT FUEL	252.05
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Accounts Payable Total		222,552.67
Total Paid On: 9/27/24		10,329.50
Total Paid On: 10/11/24		8,641.42
Total Payroll Paid		18,970.92
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		241,523.59
GENERAL		95,301.45
ROAD USE		14,443.84
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		2,251.14
TIF		2,397.75
ROAD CIP PROJECTS		35,375.98
ARPA		1,659.00
SEWER CIP PROJECTS		7,277.00
PARK CIP PROJECTS		1,884.50
WATER		27,541.32
SEWER		53,391.61
TOTAL FUNDS		241,523.59
<b>September 2024</b>		
General Fund		278,650.09
Road Use		15,760.33
L.O.S.T.		21,197.73
TIF		123,208.26
Debt Service		72,128.39
ARPA		4,319.50
Water Fund		164,413.67

Sewer Fund	54,708.10
<b>Total Revenue:</b>	<b>734,386.07</b>
General Fund	84,050.23
Road Use Fund	20,957.83
Employee Benefits	2,746.67
L.O.S.T	
TIF Fund	2,397.75
Road CIP Projects	35,375.98
ARPA	1,659.00
Sewer CIP Projects	7,277.00
Park CIP Projects	1,884.50
Water Fund	26,433.36
Sewer Fund	52,847.42
<b>Total Expenses:</b>	<b>235,629.74</b>

Linn County Sheriff Report- No Sheriff Present

Robertson gave the maintenance report. Pickleball courts have been painted at Clymer & Dry Creek Parks. Mowing including leaves, Parks & Rec Meeting, quotes for grants, meeting with the DNR next week for flood items, marked dead ash trees, patching roads, picking up sprayer, fire hydrant markers out & flushing hydrants. The banners are down, splash pad & Memorial Park restrooms will be winterized, getting sanders ready for winter. The Lead Service Line Survey has been submitted. Getting contract names to caulk & tuck point city hall/community center. Hagstrom asked how many trees had been removed. Robertson reported 120.

James Seely gave the fire department report. 15 total calls- 3 brush fires, 8 medical, 1 false alarm, 2 mutual aid, and 1 vehicle fire. Completed hose testing. Fire prevention night- 80 kids. Attended Pleasant Creek Trunk or Treat night and will be at WLCG Trunk or Treat night. Hazmat and fit testing. Cardiac medical testing is coming up. Others are taking different continuing education classes at Kirkwood.

Groff gave the clerk's report. 52 penalties, 24 courtesy calls, 3 shut-offs, 7 nuisance letters, 13 high consumption calls, and 7 service orders. Dollar General was named Imperial First Addition, the new name has been changed to The Overland First Addition. Lenna is working with Workman Comp for the Audit. She had meetings with Todd Christensen from ICAP, staff, and MPO. Worked on renewal of medical/dental/vision. Working with Linn Co. Public Health on home to be placarded. End of the Month, 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and paid 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter taxes, working on painting the dugouts at Memorial Park. The cameras are now working. Goodale needs your availability for November for the CIP workshop and January for the budget workshop.

Amanda Staab gave a Parks & Rec report. Park & Rec is giving back the mural project at Memorial Park to the City Council to organize the project. Welton and Hagstrom will investigate more on the project. Open gym will be on Thursdays from 5:30-7 pm. Will rotate between adult & youth. Park & Rec will be sharing timeslots to oversee open gym. Met with Kelsey from Shellsburg on T-Ball. Starting with 3-4-year-olds. May ask the city for start-up money to start the project. They are also looking for donations. This would be an 8-week program- practice in May and games in June. Would like to bring back Palo Panther shirts. Would like to start a slow pitch league once T-ball ends. Discuss fence banner sponsorships at Memorial Park.

No mayor's report.

Hagstrom opened agenda-related audience comments at 6:47 pm. No discussion was had. Closed comments at 6:47 pm.

TJ Wilson, Construction Manager gave an update on the Duane Arnold Solar II Phase. Finished with construction and is in the process of commissioning the site. Crews are working on taking out temporary parking lots and re-spreading topsoil. Crews are cleaning up fenced-in areas and returning equipment. There will be a skeleton crew over winter, about 25.

Discussion was had on the correct date and time. Motioned by Welton, seconded by Hanover to approve **Resolution 102124A Setting Public Hearing FY25 Budget Amendment #1**. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Welton, seconded by Stoltenberg to approve **Resolution 102124B Naming the Gazette as the Official Publication**. 4

Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Michelle Cheever is now working at Bolten & Menk Engineering. Motioned by Hanover, seconded by Stoltenberg to approve **Resolution 102124C Bolton & Menk Engineering Services Agreement**. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Stoltenberg, seconded by Hanover to approve **Resolution 102124D Naming Banks Depositories with Palo Savings Bank**. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Welton, seconded by Stoltenberg to approve **Resolution 102124E Adopting the Investment Policy**. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion was had on snow removal wages based on driving qualifications. This would bring in more interested drivers. Motioned by Welton, seconded by Hanover to approve **Resolution 102124F Snow Removal Wages arranging between \$15-\$20 per hour**. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

A discussion was had on the FY25 Health Insurance Renewal. Motioned by Welton, seconded by Stoltenberg to approve the TrueNorth Health Renewal Fy24-25 UHC current plan. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

A discussion was had. The dates before the council though were too long. Motioned by Welton, seconded by Stoltenberg to approve the third and final passage of **ORDINANCE 75-2024 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Palo, Iowa, By Amending Provisions Pertaining to Chapter 41.14 Firework**. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Had a discussion. Hagstrom would like to have Brekke at the next meeting to discuss this. Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Hanover to TABLE the second reading of **ORDINANCE 76-2024 2024 Amending the Code of Ordinance of the City of Palo, Iowa, By Amending to Chapter 152 Culvert & Trees in Drainage Easements Regulations**. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Hagstrom opened the general audience comments at 7:01 pm. The resident at 204 Vinton St had concerns about the potholes, Drake Dr needs regarding manholes, and flags on a stop sign on the intersection of Vinton St & 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Drake Park's sign. Hagstrom told the resident he was present at the October 2024 council meeting when the names were officially named. Wants three trees planted at the pavilion at Memorial Park, and seating out of old stumps. Stoltenberg stated can't make seating out of the borer ash trees. Closed comments at 7:11 pm. New Business- none, and Old Business- none.

Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Hanover to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Respectfully submitted by Allison Groff, Deputy Clerk.