

A special meeting of the Palo City Council was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025, at the Palo Community Center in the Council Chambers for the FY27 Budget. Mayor Van Kerckhove called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Council members present: Jen Welton, Doug Hanover, and Darren Stoltenberg. Angie Brekke and Pete Hagstrom were absent. Mayor-elect Bryan Busch and Council Member – Elect Taylor Burgin. City staff present were Jennifer Fencil, City Clerk; Clark Robertson, Public Works; and Michelle Cheever, City Engineer. A swear in ceremony for newly elected officials was held to swear in Mayor Bryan Busch and Eric Van Kerckhove, Jen Welton, and Taylor Burgin to the City Council. Hanover motioned to approve the agenda. Welton second. 3 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (3-0).

Mayor opens agenda related audience comments at 6:12 pm. No discussion. Closed comments at 6:13 pm.

Motioned by Stoltenberg, seconded by Hanover to approve the third reading of **ORDINANCE 85-2025 Amending Chapter 99 (Sewer Service Charges) of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Palo, Iowa**. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0). Motioned by Stoltenberg, seconded by Hanover to approve the final passage and adoption with respect to **ORDINANCE 85-2025 Amending Chapter 99 (Sewer Service Charges) of the City Code of Ordinances of the City of Palo, Iowa**. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Motioned by Hanover, seconded by Welton to approve **Resolution 121825A Reimbursement Agreement for Engineering Fees Related to Project Meridian**. 3 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (3-0).

Extensive discussion was held regarding the FY27 Budget. Discussed several possible projects or needs. The Council and city staff went through revenues, expenses, and CIP projections for FY27. The city clerk is to revise numbers as discussed and present at the next workshop. The budget schedule was reviewed.

New Business- none

Old Business- none

Motion by Stoltenberg to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 pm. Second by Hanover. 3 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (3-0). Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Fencil