

The Palo City Council met in open session on Monday, June 17, 2024, at the Palo Community Center in the Council Chambers. Mayor Van Kerckhove led those present in the pledge of allegiance and called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Council members present Angie Brekke, Pete Hagstrom, and Doug Hanover. Darren Stoltenberg was absent. Others Present: Lenna Goodale, City Clerk; Clark Robertson, Public Works. Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Hanover to approve the agenda. 3 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (3-0). Hanover motioned to approve the consent agenda. Hagstrom second. 3 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (3-0).

CLAIMS REPORT

VENDOR	REFERENCE	AMOUNT
ABC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC	AMNESTY	10,965.43
ABC DISPOSAL SYSTEMS, INC	GARBAGE	16,251.72
ALLEGRA	PARK SIGNS	1,567.43
ALLIANT ENERGY	GAS & ELECTRIC	3,880.88
ALLISON GROFF	POSTAGE	10.16
ANDERSON-BOGERT	ENGINEERING	21,867.15
BDS EQUIPMENT	BRUSH MOWER	199.00
BRECKE INC.	PIPE REPAIR	1,318.53
CAMPBELL SUPPLY CEDAR RAPIDS	FD BATTERY	498.00
CEDAR RAPIDS MUN. UTIL.	SEWER USAGE	13,238.44
CEDAR RIVER PLAZA	TIF REBATE	35,092.55
CINTAS CORPORATION	CH/COMM CENTER	643.56
CITY OF FAIRFAX	INSPECTOR	3,451.20
CONSOLIDATED ENERGY COMPANY	FUEL	2,168.55
CYNTHIA STIMSON	MENTOR	81.84
D & K PRODUCTS	SPRAY	375.00
DANIEL CHARLIER	STRAW	120.00
DELTA DENTAL OF IOWA	DENTAL INSURANCE	215.30
DORSEY & WHITNEY LLP	PRAIRIE VISTA II	8,058.00
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	3,113.97
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	2,867.43
EFTPS	FED/FICA TAX	5,981.40
EO JOHNSON TECHNOLOGIES	COPIER	231.68
FIRE SERVICE TRAINING BUREAU	FD TRAINING WYATT	50.00

GAZETTE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	LEGAL PUBLICATION	371.07
HAWKINS, INC.	CHEMICALS	1,834.89
IMWCA	WORKER'S COMP	1,875.00
IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	SALES-WET TAXES	1,850.03
IOWA ONE CALL	LOCATES	53.10
IOWA PUMP WORKS INC.	PUMP REPAIR	2,875.05
IPERS	IPERS	3,984.95
IPERS	ADJUSTMENT	(0.03)
ITS	TECHNOLOGY	678.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	SUPPLIES	21.74
KENWOOD RECORDS MGT INC.	RECYCLE BIN	15.90
KIRKWOOD COMMUNITY COLLEGE	FD TRAINING	40.00
L.L. PELLING CO., INC.	PREMIX	187.20
LINN COUNTY REC	STREET LIGHTS	276.25
LINOH2O LLC	ANNUAL MAINT.	2,716.00
LRS PORTABLES LLC	MEMORIAL PARK	199.97
LYNCH DALLAS PC	LEGAL	1,294.50
MENARDS SOUTH INC.	SUPPLIES	127.93
MENARDS-MARION	CH BEAUTIFICATION	13.46
MICROBAC LABORATORIES INC	TESTING	298.00
MUNICIPAL SUPPLY, INC.	METERS	5,720.90
NCL OF WISCONSIN INC	TEST	458.14
NUTRIEN AG SOLUTIONS, INC	SPRAY	697.00
P & K MIDWEST	EQUIPMENT	169.94
PALO COOPERATIVE TELEPHONE ASS	TELEPHONES	653.25
PALO SAVINGS BANK	TRUCK/TRACTOR	16,050.00
PLUNKETT'S PEST CONTROL INC.	WATER PLANT	80.25
THE PRULL GROUP INC.	REPAIRS	3,300.00
RED LION RENEWABLES LLC	SOLAR PANELS	2,522.08

ROTO-ROOTER INC.	CRAWLER CAMERA	2,756.25
SIMMERING-CORY & IOWA COD	APRIL SUPPLEMENTS	1,569.00
IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY	2007 SRF	129,951.25
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	CHEMICALS	1,647.99
UHS PREMIUM BILLING	JUNE HEALTH INS	2,511.46
UMB BANK	GO FEES	500.00
UMB BANK	GO 2012	154,922.50
UMB BANK	GO 2015	66,127.50
UMB BANK	2019A	29,732.50
UMB BANK	2019B	32,910.00
US BANK	SUPPLIES	313.47
US CELLULAR	CELL PHONE	311.24
US POSTAL SERVICE	POSTAGE	483.10
VIKING INDUSTRIAL PAINTING LLC	QTR INSPECTION	4,952.00
WEX BANK	FIRE DEPT FUEL	479.46
Accounts Payable Total		603,798.11
Total Paid On: 5/24/24		10,320.63
Total Paid On: 6/07/24		9,093.71
Total Payroll Paid		19,414.34
***** REPORT TOTAL *****		623,212.45
GENERAL		88,779.62
ROAD USE		6,998.56
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		2,751.70
DEBT SERVICE		335,335.05
ARPA		165.00
WATER		27,665.76
SEWER		161,516.76
TOTAL FUNDS		623,212.45
May 2024		
General Fund		82,029.98
Road Use		16,023.03

Employee Benefits	2,935.41
L.O.S.T.	20,526.36
TIF	2,419.00
Debt Service	197,991.31
Water Fund	35,694.26
Sewer Fund	55,093.24
Total Revenue:	412,712.59

General Fund	89,662.69
Road Use Fund	6,562.81
Employee Benefits	4,390.33
TIF	223,145.05
Debt Service	318,785.05
ARPA	813.30
Water Fund	23,943.55
Sewer Fund	30,634.99
Total Expenses:	697,937.77

A discussion was had to appoint a new council member. Breckin Keller, Jen Welton, and Ramona Darrah addressed the council. Brekke motioned to approve resolution 061724E to appoint Jen Welton to fill the vacant seat. Hagstrom seconded. 3 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (3-0). Mayor Van Kerckhove and the council encourage Keller, and Darrah to look into other Boards & Commissions that have open seats.

Mayor Van Kerckhove swore in Jen Welton.

No deputy to give Linn County Sheriff's report.

Goodale gave the clerk's report. There were 75 penalties, 28 courtesy calls, 1 shut-off, and 3 nuisance letters. Goodale looking into old library contracts between the City of Palo and the Metro Library Board. Goodale has not heard back from them. Had an MPO meeting in Robins. Meeting with Dollar General and the City Engineer. Dollar General is ready to start with the site plans. Meeting with ECICOG for sewer line program. Goodale will be attending the Academy June 19-21. It's the end of the month, 2nd QTR, and the fiscal year. FY25 starts July 1.

Robertson gave the maintenance report. Mowing includes ditches, spraying weeds, and watering trees. Working with RR for ROW work and working on 1st St ditch work. Will start putting banners up. The splash pad has leaks. Water usage is going up. Pelling will be out June 24-28. HVAC maintenance has been completed and gym vents have been cleaned. Flushing hydrants. Spoke with Alliant for light poles. Park signs are being installed. Quotes for asphalt, playground mulch. Fire Department lights have been installed. The city has ash trees in the park that need to be removed. Someone ripped up all the wildflowers along the walking trail that were just planted. Meeting with REC next week for light poles. There might be some cost to the city.

Andrew Lutter gave the fire department report. Had 11 calls, 6 medical, 2 storms, 2 vehicles, and 1 water rescue. Fire in the Hole went well. Brekke mentioned she heard great things about the event. They had 26 teams and 19 holes. EMS training last week. OSHA standards for the Fire Department are changing. The NFPA standards are going to be mandatory. For instance, the state of Iowa requires 24 hours of training a year for firefighters. The new hours are 272 for federal. All officers must be Fire Officers for certification. The chief must be Fire Officer 3, which is not offered in the State of Iowa. Lutter gave more information and regulations on the changes.

Mayor Van Kerckhove gave the mayor's report. The mayor asked the council to submit a wish list for things to be done around town that wouldn't impact the budget. This would be very valuable for Robertson and his team.

Mayor opens agenda-related audience comments at 6:59 pm. A resident asked about an agenda item. Mayor closed comments at 7:00 pm.

Jim Beardsworth gave Duane Arnold Solar Phase 2 update. Touching up final seeding across the site was needed. Electrical work continues with DC cable and AC cable installed through the month of June. Post-installation has been completed. PV module

installation will continue through the month of June. Racking Install will continue through the month of June. They will be rescheduling the tour and will let the city know when.

Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Welton to approve **Resolution 061724A** authorizing the transfer of funds to the sewer sinking account per bond requirements. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Hanover to approve **Resolution 061724B** authorizing the transfer of funds to the water and sewer reserve accounts. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Brekke, seconded by Hagstrom to approve **Resolution 061724C** setting wages for employees for the fiscal year 2024-2025 starting July 1, 2024. 5% for Department Heads, 4% for Full-Time, and 3% for Part-Time employees. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Had a discussion regarding 1st St & Memorial Park on asphalt from the street to the sidewalk. Hagstrom suggested holding off this year. Welton suggested low-maintenance shrubs. Other ideas were also suggested. Item dies.

Motioned by Brekke, seconded by Welton to approve moving forward with L.L. Pelling's quote for chip seal all of Dale Lee Dr. for \$11,477 as stated that is covered by Ralston in the developer's agreement for the chip seal on Dale Lee Dr. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Had a discussion regarding 1st St. culvert replacement. Robertson stated that there are two culverts fully blocked. More discussion was had on who's responsible for the culverts. Welton suggested having the city engineer look further into it. Motioned by Brekke, seconded by Welton to approve moving forward with 1st St. culvert replacement for \$11,301.12 contingent on our resources that it's the city's responsibility. If not, move forward with contacting the property owners. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion on the three quotes for Dry Creek Park. Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Brekke to approve Ever-Green's quote not to exceed \$10,000 for the Dry Creek Park mulch. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Goodale explained that a resident wants to donate two shade canopies for Dry Creek Park. Brekke would like Robertson to get quotes for colored poles. Goodale will add to next month's agenda.

Discussion was had on the three quotes for handheld & mobile radios. Motioned by Hagstrom, seconded by Hanover to approve RC Systems for \$17,130.25. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Goodale explained that Chapter 55 At Large was missed in recodification. Motioned by Welton, seconded by Hagstrom to introduce and approve the first reading of ORDINANCE 74-2024 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palo, Iowa, by amending provisions pertaining Chapter 55 At Large Prohibited. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Welton, seconded by Brekke to suspend the rules requiring Ordinance No. 74-2024 for two readings before final approval. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Welton, seconded by Brekke to approve the final passage and adoption of **Ordinance No. 74-2024 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALO, IOWA, BY AMENDING PROVISIONS of CHAPTER 55 AT LARGE**. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Motioned by Hanover, seconded by Hagstrom to approve **Resolution 061724D** to appoint Robert Jongquist to the Planning and Zoning, term ending on June 30, 2029. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

No discussion on the agenda request for Fireworks ideas. No one was present.

Ryan Beaver asked the council for permission to use an area at Clymer Park for RC racing on behalf of Cedar River Racers. The dates are July 7,2. August 4,8. Sept 15,29. Motioned by Brekke, seconded by Hagstrom to approve RC racing on the basketball court and green space at Clymer Park. 4 Yeas, 0 Nay. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion was had regarding the splash pad. Robertson informed the council that the splash pad was leaking into the playground area. There is a cracked pipe. Three water features are turned off. He asked the council what direction they would like to go. Getting quotes to fix, replace the concrete, or fill it. The council asked to have Park & Rec come up with ideas.

The mayor opens general audience comments at 8:03 pm. A resident spoke about the splash pad, mosquitos, banners, trees, and sickle mower. The mayor closed comments at 8:09 pm.

New-Old Business; Mayor Van Kerckhove asked the council if they were open to adding sidewalks to our House Rehabilitation. He also spoke of the cost of food vendors' permits through WLCG. The council decided all mobile/food trucks must pay for their permits.

Motioned by Hanover, seconded by Hagstrom to adjourn at 8:13 pm. Respectfully submitted by Lenna Goodale, City Clerk.