

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo Council Chambers on February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Mayor Tom Yock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Delmar Jellison, Doug Hanover, Brian Beaty, Tom Sanders and Ryan Scheckel. Others Present: City Attorney; Erek Sittig, Palo Maintenance Representative; Jenny Cady, STS Civil; Matt Shock, Palo Fire Chief; James Seely. Mayor Yock led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hanover moved **approval of agenda** Sanders second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Sanders moved **approval of consent agenda** bill approval, treasurer's report, DAR and Council meeting minutes from January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Beaty second. Motion carried. (5-0).

**Linn County Sheriff's Report:** Deputy Sheriff stated the office was closed today for Holiday the report will be out this week. Council thanked officer for his service.

**West Linn Community Group:** Jellison stated they had 16 people attend the last meeting. Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> is planned for a chili/soup luncheon held at the community center in the gym. The group is asking if the city could waive the rental fees as this is for nonprofit group to generate money for community events. The group is also considering buying the ice machine from Hiawatha Lions club that was used at hog wild days. Also requesting that Maintenance staff take down the Lions Club sign on the community board north of town. Sanders motioned to waive the rental fee for gym and kitchen for March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Beaty second. Jellison, Hanover abstained. Motion carried (3-0).

**Department Report:** Maintenance Department: Sanders questioned if the light was checked out by the old lagoon. Cady stated she does not think there is power out there as the other light by the building in not working. Mayor to contact Perry with Alliant to ask about power to that location. Hanover stated that the Blairs Ferry lift station valves should be oiled and greased.

Fire Department: Jellison thanked James for the Annual Report stated it was very nice to see.

**Salary Resolution:** Discussion regarding Jenny Cady's salary increase upon completing water certification. Motion by Beaty to approve **Resolution 02-16-15A** salary resolution for Jenny Cady at \$16.50 hr effective 2/16/15. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0). Beaty stated he would like to see Cady get her CDL.

**Vinton Street Drainage Ditch:** Council received an estimate for the drainage improvement project at the south east end of Vinton Street. Beaty stated the estimate came from the design that Matt Shock had submitted to the city and the only thing that was noted from the contractor was to riprap further up the bank which is not included in the estimate. Sanders questioned if this is to start at the blue walking bridge going south. Shock stated yes this would be the first phase of the project working from downstream up and will riprap Dry creek. After further discussion Matt will get the lineal foot measurement to riprap up further to eliminate sediment and better drainage. Matt will work with Scott Surveying Contractor and Council to further design the project and bring back to the City. Was noted the optimal construction time would be mid-summer.

**Set Public Hearing for ACC Road Paving Street Repair:** Matt Shock stated this is for the Pleasant Creek Estates project for Asphalt. This is ready to go for bid. Discussion regarding the development not being eligible as a TIF project. Council discussed getting the worst roads completed first with hard surface this year and all other roads are seal coated. Motion by Beaty to table the Pleasant Creek Estates and get bid package to go out first for Willow, Hunter and Dry Creek Lane this spring. Also get bids ready to go out for East Main Street with box culvert, Clinton and 4<sup>th</sup> Street with timeline latesummer. Jellison second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

**Communications Tower-Conditional Use Permit:** Mayor Yock stated the Planning & Zoning Commission recommended to the Council approval of the Conditional Use Permit voting (3-0). Council discussed the Comprehensive Plan that was done in 2012 with ECICOG and stated Linn County was very involved with the planning process. The Committee designed this location that is being considered for conditional use for a cellular tower as a future residential development. There has been concern from the existing adjacent Residential property owners along with the Council as to what effect that would have on future development. Sanders stated the placement is close to the creek right outside the floodway. Erek stated the Council has the option to go to the Planning & Zoning meetings

to discuss their concerns. Sanders concern if we endorse this through Resolution we are stating we're in favor of this so they would be encouraged to construct others and deter developers. After further discussion Motion by Beaty to approve Resolution 02-16-15B to approve the Communications Tower-Conditional Use Permit. Hanover second. Roll call. Beaty, Scheckel, Sanders, Jellison and Hanover; Nay. Motion failed (0-5).

**Ragbrai:** Sanders stated he does not endorse this event as there was issue in town years ago with garbage left and riders not leaving town. Scheckel stated that he participates in the event every year there is law enforcement that will make sure the riders are onto their next destination by curfew. Scheckel also stated he would be willing to help organize the event. After further discussion motion by Scheckel to approve Ragbrai coming through the City of Palo as a pass-through town on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 closing time is 5:30PM. Hanover second. Sanders Nay. Motion carried (4-1).

**Ducks Unlimited Liquor License:** Hanover motioned to approve the liquor license for the Ducks Unlimited event on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Sanders second. Motion carried (5-0).

**Pigman Triathlon:** Beaty motioned to approve the Pigman Triathlon events out at the Pleasant Creek State Park on June 7<sup>th</sup> and August 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Hanover second. Motion carried (5-0).

**IRS Mileage Rate:** Beaty motioned to approve **Resolution 06-16-15C** IRS mileage rate for 2015 at .575 per mile. Jellison second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

**Set Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Amendment:** Sanders motioned to approve **Resolution 02-16-15D** to set Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Amendment for Monday March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 6:30PM. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion Carried (5-0).

**Money Market Transfer:** Hanover motioned to approve **Resolution #02-16-15E** transfer of \$180,000 from Money Market to General Fund. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

**Fire Station Change Order #6:** Mayor requested the Council go through the building and make a list of items that need to be completed. Hanover stated the seal in the bottom of door froze and broke and could be an ongoing problem. After further discussion Sanders **motioned** to approve Change Order #6 for time extension with substantial completion date to be March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Beaty second. Roll call. Jellison , Sanders; Nay. Motion carried (3-2).

**Old Business:** Beaty questioned if Mayor or staff has been in contact with the county regarding the culvert going under Blairs Ferry Road where it is sinking. Mayor stated we have not heard back from the county but will be contacting them again this week to discuss other possible road projects.

Motion by Hanover to **adjourn** at 9:49 p.m., Scheckel second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Trisca Dix  
City Clerk