

City of Palo

Regular Council Meeting

August 8, 2011

The Palo City Council met in regular session at the Temporary Palo City Hall August 8, 2011. Mayor Paula Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Trent Miller, Tom Sanders, and Jeff Beauregard. Absent: Brian Beaty, Scott Packingham. Others present: City Attorney Scott Peterson, Tom Watson, Trisca Smetzer, Glenn Lange.

Mayor Gunter removed agenda item 14, Special Assessment.

Beauregard moved approval of the agenda as amended; Miller second. Motion carried (3-0).

Sanders moved approval of consent agenda: bill approval, treasurer's report, DAR, and July 25, 2011 meeting minutes; Beauregard second. Motion carried (3-0).

Linn County Sheriff Report: 125.5 hrs worked with 56 calls.

Lion's Club Report: Doug Hanover informed Council they have been working on the lease for the Depot. They will not be able to work on the Depot until the lease is signed. Gunter stated she had asked the attorney to put it on hold. She will work on lease with Scott. Mengler proposed the City sell the property to the Lion's Club. Lion's Club can get a formal offer to the City.

Audience Comments: Lori Hansen commented agenda was not on the webpage. Doug Hanover questioned if the City had a time frame that the Senior Housing was going to fix parking lot issue. Carolyn Sanders discussed rule sign at the splash pad. While she had been there kids were eating chips on it, large dogs on it, and has noticed quite a bit of drive through traffic going through. Parents need to keep a watchful eye on their children.

Historian/Architectural Historian Contract for MOA: Sanders does not see in any of the paperwork where this process is a mandate. It has very little significant for the City of Palo and is an unwarranted expense for the tax payers not only in Palo but all the USA. This is a requirement for the close out of the demo process. Without doing this process the City would not receive the remaining funds the City has incurred. Motion by Miller to approve **Resolution 080811A** Awarding the Historian and/or Architectural Historian services for the 403 Demolition Program Disaster 1763 PW6646 to Tallgrass Historians L.C.; Beauregard second, roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Sanders to approve **Resolution 080811B** appointing Tim Carson to fill the Planning & Zoning vacancy, term ending on June 30, 2016; Miller second, roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Beauregard to approve Resolution **080811C** to approve authorized signers for ACH transfer; Miller second, roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Miller to approve the Fire Station scope of work contract amendment with Knapp-Warden, LLC in the amount of \$3,600; second by Beauregard. Motion carried (3-0).

Discussion of Maintenance Superintendent Responsibilities: Council would like Lange to write municipal infractions, do construction inspections that he feels comfortable performing and is certified to do. Mayor questioned if Glenn had his certification to perform the required testing? Glenn stated yes, he has his Distribution Grade III. He can do bacteria testing right away. Indicated he has been working with Tom on the City systems. He will work with Tom over the next 2-3 weeks on the EPA system to get a handle on that procedure. Mayor/Council would like to relieve Watson of some of his

pressures and put the responsibilities on Glenn, as they are part of Glenn's job duties. Questions on inspection type items Glenn can discuss with Gunter & Smetzer.

Mayor Gunter tabled agenda item 12 until the full council is present.

Motion by Beauregard to approve Hawkeye Electric bid for alarm monitoring service agreement for fire alarm and intrusion panel for the new community center/city hall; second by Miller. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Miller to approve Resolution **080811D** to transfer \$140,0000 from the Money Market Account to the General Fund Checking Account; Beauregard second, roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Sanders to Set Public Hearing for Palo Water Supply Project-SRF Environmental Review on 9/12/11 @ 6:30 p.m., Beauregard second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Sanders to open the Public Hearing at 7:25 p.m., Sale of Property – 108 Main Street; Miller second. Motion carried (3-0). Questions: Whose home was it? (Mease) Have to build on it? (No, you cannot build on it. It is a nonconforming lot). Will we find out tonight who got the bid? (4 bids came in, 2 highest bids were tied). Motion by Sanders to close Public Hearing at 7:27; Miller second. Roll Call. Motion carried (3-0). Sanders motion for high bidders to re-enter sealed bid at or above their current bid level by noon on August 17, 2011; second by Beauregard. Motion carried (3-0).

Motion by Sanders to open the Public Hearing at 7:32 p.m. for Sale of Property – 705 1st Street; Beauregard second. Motion carried (3-0). Bill Zeller commented that he had offered to pay \$10,000 when there was a home on that lot, but the City tore the home down. Motion by Sanders to close Public Hearing at 7:34; Beauregard second. Roll Call. Motion carried (3-0).

Beauregard motion to approve **Resolution 080811E** to sell 705 1st Street to the highest bidders; second by Miller. Roll Call. Motion carried (3-0).

Beauregard motion to approve **Resolution 080811F** for TIF Revenue expenditure; second by Miller. Roll Call. Motion carried (3-0).

Beauregard read letter of resignation, as he and his family are moving to C.R. Motion by Sanders to accepted Beauregard's resignation effective 08/18/11; second by Miller. Motion carried (3-0).

Discussion on Beauregard's vacant council seat. Staff to check on timeline to verify if seat can be left open until next pending election November 8, 2011. There will be 3 City Council seats and the Mayor seat up for election on the 11/8/11 ballot. Nomination petitions & affidavits of candidacy paperwork can be picked up at City Hall 8/29/11 and turned in to City Hall by 9/22/11.

Audience Comments: Carolyn Sanders: Inquiring on electrical service in the buy-out area. Likes how the n. side of the Vinton St. ditch looks. Lori Hansen: Thanked the town for getting the water out of the Vinton St. ditch. Chad Packingham: Inquiring how you go about getting a f/t Mayor verses a p/t Mayor. Bill Zeller: Requesting Drake Park to be named Donald F. Zeller Park and have a plaque with that name along with the Union Local 108 symbol on it, as Donald did a lot for the town and the Local spent time working on the previous park. Status of dirt pile. City workers doing a good job, working together well. Mosquito notification prior to spraying. Status of mosquito maker on the edge of town.

Old Business: Tree on 1st Street by post office: Sanders against taking the tree down. Does not feel it is dead or diseased. 48 Lincoln Drive: Staff to get with realtor to inquire if he would entertain the offer of 7% of selling price. C-3 sign ordinance: P&Z to review 8/16/11. Council agenda 8/22/11.

Boat Ramp: Currently put on hold. Lot on Lincoln Drive: Follow-up with EreK Sittig on enforcing agreement with lot owner. Trail: Put on hold. Place caution sign back up. Splash Pad: Bricks received and will be installed and timer issue will be resolved before end of season.

New Business: Received donation from Ray and Linda Janko for utility cart, tables, and other needed items for the new community center. City to purchase items soon.

Mayor Gunter thanked Marlin Burt for his donation of hauling for the City.

Motion by Beauregard to adjourn at 8:24 p.m.; Miller second. Motion carried (3-0).

Respectfully Submitted By:

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