

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo City Hall September 12, 2011. Mayor Paula Gunter called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. Council Members present: Trent Miller, Scott Packingham, Tom Sanders, and Brian Beaty. Absent: None. Others present: Tom Watson, Trisca Smetzer, Glenn Lange.

Beaty moved approval of agenda, Miller second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Sanders moved approval of consent agenda: bill approval, treasurer's report, August 22 and August 31, 2011 meeting minutes, Packingham second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Sheriff's Report moved between agenda items 9 and 10. Doug Hanover, Lion's Club representative, reported they made a profit of \$6000 on Palo Fun Days.

Audience Comments: speeding, motorized vehicles in parks; cost of tree removal. City will evaluate public or private property and call resident to discuss.

Dept. Report: Maintenance; Balusters painted at Memorial Park. Fire: Not available. Committees: Council update Storm Water on drainage projects. Limited funds for projects now.

Motion by Miller to open water supply project SRF environmental review public hearing at 6:49 p.m., Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-0) Discussed water safety and splash pad usage. Motion by Sanders to close public hearing at 6:51 p.m., Packingham second. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-0) Council discussion number of agencies contacted for approval. Motion by Packingham to approve water supply project SRF environmental review information document, Miller second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Motion by Beaty to open sewer ordinance amendment public hearing at 6:54 p.m., Sanders second. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-0) Audience requested changes defined. Mayor and Council provided verbal explanation in addition to written documentation provided. Motion by Packingham to close public hearing at 6:58 p.m., Sanders second. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-0) Council discussed rate changes. Motion by Miller to approve First Reading of Ordinance No. 571-2011 an Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palo, Iowa, 2011, by Amending Provisions Pertaining to Sewer Service Charges, Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-0)

Council discussion on Ordinance Amending the Code of Ordinances by Adding Provisions Pertaining to Sign Regulations including input by former and current P & Z members and City Attorney. Motion by Sanders to incorporate changes discussed by Council consensus and bring before Council for a first reading next meeting, Packingham second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Linn County Sheriff Report: 133.70 hours worked with 100 calls. Sheriff cautioned not to leave valuables in car; issues with theft. Addressed issues with motorized vehicles in parks. Sheriff dept. does write tickets on City Codes. Traffic stop outcomes at discretion of officer.

Council discussion regarding permission for Palo Coop. to park construction equipment at old lagoon site until Dec. 31, 2011 with extensions as approved by Council. Palo Coop's contractors must provide certificate of liability, hold harmless agreement, and consultation with Maintenance Superintendent as to location available without obstructing City business. Fencing was not required. Motion by Miller to approve Palo Coop's use of old lagoon site as equipment staging area with aforementioned conditions, Beaty second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Council discussion Resolution 91211A Regular City Council meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month including number of agenda items, length of meetings, Council preparation before meetings, amending lengthy agendas, and staff preparation time. Motion by Miller to approve Resolution 091211A Regular City Council meetings held the 2nd Monday of each month, Packingham second. Roll call. Motion carried. (4-0)

Audience Comments non-agenda items included City Hall entrance/exit lanes, paperwork for agenda items, potholes on Blairs Ferry Road, culvert extension Vinton & Main St. at 1st & 2nd St. near alley, missing County stop sign, appreciation to Council for help with Palo Fun Days, and congratulations to Delmar Jellison, Citizen of the Year.

Old Business: Electric service in "buyout" area and associated costs. Agenda item next meeting. City will be going out for bid for fire station. Bids available at City Hall 9/13/11. Follow up on dirt permit at 35 Drake Dr. Add review culvert's (headwall) ordinance to next meeting agenda. Splash pad operation and structure for controls. Maintenance Superintendent will write bid for structure. Construction has started on concession stand/restrooms with tornado shelter.

New Business: Discussed water main distribution at Pleasant Creek Estates. Howard R Green will provide Council with a cost analysis and evaluation of materials. Hearing set for appeal Chapter 55 Animal Protection and Control. City Hall will be closed 9/14/11-9/16/11 to move to New City Hall. No charge for Library rental for non-profit Palo organizations. Maintenance Staff is responsible for any additional cleanup of Community Center after events. Leaf pick up will be provided if leaves are bagged in paper yard waste bags; notify Atom Burst. Council thanked American Legion for the new American flag. The City will be billed for State flag. Discuss viability of compost pile on "buyout" property.

Tom Watson declined to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. Council discussion on current and past duties. Mr. Watson's expertise is needed for PW's, audits, Staff to provide information on PW's.

Discussion of responsibilities of Mr. Watson and Maintenance Superintendent including documentation.

Water Superintendent will call for quote on maintenance contract for generator. Clerk will provide information on payment as consultant vs. employee from federal, state, and local agencies. Council set meeting 10/5/11 at 6:30p.m. to discuss further. Motion by Miller to end Tom Watson's position as Infrastructure Superintendent effective 10/31/11, Beaty second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Motion by Packingham to adjourn at 9:11 p.m., Sanders second. Motion carried. (4-0)

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City Clerk