

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo Council Chambers on December 15th, 2014. Mayor Pro-tem Tom Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Delmar Jellison, Doug Hanover, Brian Beaty and Ryan Scheckel. Absent: Mayor; Tom Yock. Others Present: City Attorney; Erek Sittig, Palo Fire Chief; James Seely, Palo Maintenance Representative; Jenny Cady.

Mayor Pro-tem Sanders led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Pro-tem Sanders stated there were changes in the agenda including Item #14 Dry Creek Addition is removed until the next meeting and the Volunteer Fire Department has requested a donation for their holiday party this will be Resolution 12-15-14F and moved to Fire Department reports. Jellison moved **approval of agenda** Hanover second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Jellison questioned the IDNR bill for certification. Jenny Cady stated it's the application fee for testing. Jellison questioned the Rexco bill for the arm wiper blade. Cady stated that was for the skid loader the other one broke off clearing out brush. Hanover moved **approval of consent agenda** bill approval, treasurer's report, DAR and Council meeting minutes from November 17th, 2014 Council Meeting Minutes. Beaty second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Linn County Sheriff Dept. Report: Deputy Sheriff reported 87 hours needed and 103.5 hours actually worked from November 17th, 2014 through December 15th, 2014. Jellison requested an officer come out during the day there is a lot of heavy truck traffic on the 1st Street Bridge that exceeds the weight limit.

Department Reports: Maintenance. Council asked Cady about the treatment plant. Cady stated the pumps were not evenly distributing the Chlorine. It was testing fine but the levels were not evenly being disbursed from the pumps. HR Green and Vesco are coming out to look at issue. Cady stated the extra pump is getting repaired and should be back within a week. **Fire Department-** Seely stated the Council should have the minutes and treasurers report in their packet. Stated the Palo Department delivered over 53 Christmas baskets this past weekend. Hanover motioned to approve Resolution #12-15-14F to approve the donation of \$800 to the Volunteer Firefighters. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0). Council thanked the member for their service.

POS on General Obligation Corporate Purpose Loan Agreement: Beaty stated this is the Preliminary Official Statement for the bond sale. The funds will be used for road projects. Hanover motioned to approve **Resolution #12-15-14A** a resolution setting the date of sale of General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds Series 2015. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Ordinance Amending the Palo Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 90.07(4) Water Service Charges: Beaty motioned to approve the First reading of Ordinance #606-2014 amending the Palo Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 90.07(4) water service connections payment penalty amount of twenty dollars. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Ordinance Amending the Palo Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 99.04 Billing for Sewer Services: Sanders motioned to approve the First reading of Ordinance #606-2014 amending the Palo Municipal Code by Amending Chapter 99.04 Billing for Sewer Service with payment penalty in the amount of twenty dollars. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Utility Billing Delinquent Account Penalties: Beaty motioned to approve **Resolution #12-15-14B** that as per Palo Code of Ordinance 90.31(5) Classification of Water Services: Payment of Bills the Palo City Council approves the following rates effective January 1st, 2015; Ten days after a bill has become delinquent, the water may be shut of on the premises and when so shut off, water shall not be turned on again until payments and all other charges due for services to the consumer, together with a charge for turning on the water, have been paid. Service Restoration charges during normal business hours of 8:00am and 4:00pm shall be \$100.00. Service Restoration charges outside of regular working hours shall be \$300. Scheckel second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

2014 ACC Paving Project: Hanover motioned to approve pay application to Pate Asphalt with recommendation of the engineer in the amount of \$65,064 for work completed. Jellison second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Fire Station Pay Application #5 Construction Concepts: Jellison motioned to approve the pay

application #5 to Construction Concepts for \$67,259.31. Hanover second. Motion carried (5-0).

Fire Station Change Order #3 Construction Concepts: Jellison stated he does not agree with the explanation for change there were many nice days that there was no one working on the job. My understanding was the building was to be ordered and delivered in one complete package. Beaty stated he has issues with the soil condition discovery as you only had a few options this should not have caused a delay. After further discussion Beaty motioned to approve to change order #3 to Construction Concepts for time extension of December 31st, 2014. Sanders second. Motion carried (5-0).

Fire Station Change Order #4 Construction Concepts: Hanover motioned to approve change order #4 a deduction for the building permit fees in the amount of \$4544.28. Scheckel second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Urban Renewal Report: Hanover motioned to approve the Urban Renewal Report. Jellison second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Tree Removal Minors Drive: Sharilyn VanHyfte had sent a letter in request to pay for tree removal to the City of Palo regarding a tree that was damaged in the right of way during the June 30th, 2014 storm. Jellison stated that Sharilyn had called the city after the storm with concern the tree was going to fall over into Blairs ferry Road potentially falling on a vehicle passing by. Jellison, Yock, Hanover and Shock went down to look at the tree and came to the conclusion it was interfering with the power lines. Alliant was called to look at the tree as they would need to be notified either way. After no resolution was made the VanHyftes decided to have a contractor come out and remove the tree in fear of causing damage or injury if it would fall. After further discussion Jellison motioned to pay for ½ of the tree removal in the amount of \$375 as it would cost at least that much to survey it was in the right of way. Hanover second. Motion carried (5-0). Sanders requested the staff send a letter thanking the VanHyftes for their patience and time along with the check.

Linn County Sheriff Contract: Mayor Pro-tem Sanders stated that there is a rate increase by \$1.00 to \$32.00 hr. Beaty motion to approve Resolution #12-15-14D to approve the Contract for Law Enforcement Services for FY15/16 for 20 hours per week. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

January Council Meeting Change to Tuesday January 20th, 2014. Hanover motioned to approve **Resolution #12-15-14E** to move the Regular Council meeting from Monday January 19th, 2014 to Tuesday January 20th, 2014 at 6:30pm due to this being Martin Luther King Day. Jellison second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Old Business: Scheckel stated that he discussed with the Mayor working with Ryne from the Kernel's to schedule the Palo night at the ball park. Sanders requested Scheckel to work with the city clerk and Kernel's to pick a date for the event. Scheckel questioned if the city is looking at putting a flashing light of Shellsburg Road for when the fire trucks are called out for emergency. Council stated they did look into but will re-address with the County. Jellison questioned where the city was at with lowering the speed limit of Shellsburg/Covington Road. Clerk stated that the Mayor and herself are in contact with the Linn County Secondary Road Department to discuss future STP grant on Shellsburg Road as well as the speed limit since this is a shared road. Beaty questioned the concrete paving at the new Fire Station where the planters would go in at the Northwest side of the driveway entrance, stating it will make it hard to get in and out of the first stall. The one down next to the building was moved further north, however the driveway and parking lot was already poured before the issue was identified. Council to look into potentially adding concrete to fill in planter area if necessary.

New Business: Hanover stated that in the packet was an email regarding the meeting in Cedar Rapids to discuss Cedar Rapids plan for a Flood Mitigation System. Sanders stated he would like to see attendance from the city. Clerk stated that the Mayor is planning on attending. Sanders stated he will stay in contact with Mayor to confirm the members who will be attending.

Motion by Jellison to **adjourn** at 8:21p.m., Beaty second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Trisca Dix
City Clerk