

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo Council Chambers on June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Mayor Tom Yock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Tom Sanders, Delmar Jellison, Brian Beaty, and Doug Hanover. Absent: Josh Frank Others present: Matt Shock; STS Civil Engineering, Erek Sittig; City Attorney. Mayor Yock led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hanover moved **approval of agenda** with addition of adding Dry Creek Development discussion under number 8. Sanders second. Motion carried. (4-0)

Sanders moved **approval of consent agenda** with the addition of L.L Pelling bill for \$580.81: bill approval, treasurer's report, DAR and Council meeting minutes from May 19<sup>th</sup> and May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Hanover second. Motion carried. (4-0)

**Separation from City 4638 Shellsburg Road:** Darrell Cannon stated the main reason is the city cannot supply city services currently to his property. Also stated Councilmen Hanover discussed that the Beatty property would be getting developed in the near future and that is not the case. Sanders stated the City spent money with annexing the property into Palo. Jellison suggested the city look at an Ordinance amendment regarding annexations to eliminate properties being annexed in and then separated. After further discussion Sanders Motion to not endorse the separation of 4638 Shellsburg Road. Beaty Second. Roll Call. Jellison naye. Motion carried (3-1).

**Dry Creek Estates Development:** Steve Larson was present to discuss future development with the next phase of Dry Creek Estates. Stated they are looking at doing a larger phase to square off the development gauging interest in what interest the city has in that and infrastructure cost share through TIF. Developer took care of all the services and base work in the last phase. Larson stated they are looking at approximately 45 lots if Council agrees this is something favorable for the city will start with engineering soon. Council would like to see development for growth and to help with utility costs requesting cost estimate from developers.

**City Property:** Gov. Lot 4 and S216.4 SW SW Section 21 84 8. N 6 A NE-EX W of RD and Ex Auditors Plat 464. This property is located on the Adams property that was previously used for the old lift station. Jellison stated originally when we closed the yard waste site that was located there the property was to go back to the Adams. The city received a bill from the Adams for mowing. Erek Sitting stated the owners had granted access to that parcel for the lift station but not for the burn pile. Hanover made a motion to approach Adams and sell back for \$1.00 which is required by state law. Jellison Second. Motion carried (4-0).

**Linn County Sheriff's Report:** 87 hours were required 109.5 hours actually worked with 32 calls. Jellison requested that Linn County enforce the curfew specifically at the parks. Deputy stated he has run off kids skateboarding on the tables and equipment up at the park.

**Bridge Repair:** Mayor Yock stated that the city received an estimate to repair the bridge but came in over \$25,000. Sanders made motion to go out for bid. Hanover Second. Motion carried (4-0).

**CDBG Grant Amendment:** Sanders motion to approve Resolution #06-16-14A the amendment to the CDBG Grant Contract with IDED to extend the through August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Hanover Second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

**ECICOG Grant Amendment:** Hanover motion to approve Resolution #06-16-14B to extend the contract between ECICOG and City of Palo through August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Jellison Second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

**Budget Amendment FY2013/14:** Beaty motioned to approve Resolution #06-16-14C to set public hearing for the Budget Amendment for Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 5:30PM. Sanders Second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

**Water Connection Update:** Erek Sittig, City Attorney gave an update on the status of properties that were not connected to the water utility. Stated there is a hearing tomorrow for 211 Main Street at 1:00 Pm. All foreclosure properties have been filed with the Linn County Recorder. Will file 2 contempt charges on 1400 Cedar Bend and 3 Drake Drive that have not been hooked into the system.

**Audience Comments:** Residents requested the property owned by the phone company on Clinton and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street be cleaned up. The city had a temporary agreement with the phone company in 2011 for a year to temporarily store equipment and put up a fence. Council will look into and talk to the Phone Company.

**Old Business:** Erek Sitting discussed the bid threshold for the road and bridge project stating it's at \$49,000. Council requested the Bridge Repair be placed on the June 25<sup>th</sup> Agenda. Jellison stated maintenance needs to fill in the area on the corner of Creek Ridge and Hunter Street and the gravel taken out of the yard. Also discussion was held on not mowing parts of the buyout area, rocking the grass area around the main lift station as well as hiring another part-time employee. Discussion was held on the Metro library. Hanover suggested that the information go into the Atom Burst from previous communication between the Library board and the City of Palo. Council discussed the fee that the Metro Library board is requesting for the City of Palo to pay in the amount of \$28,000. Previously the city reimbursed residents for their cards. Council passed a resolution and proposed an offer to the Metro Library Board that was denied. Mayor Yock stated the city will send a letter to the State Library Board, State Legislators and Cedar Rapids.

Motion by Frank to **adjourn** at 8:23 p.m., Hanover second. Motion carried. (4-0).

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City Clerk