

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo Council Chambers on August 17th, 2016. Mayor Tom Yock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Doug Hanover, Brian Beaty, and Tom Sanders. Absent: Ryan Scheckel and Delmar Jellison. Others Present: City Attorney; Erek Sittig and Public Works; Jennifer Cady.

Mayor Yock led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Hanover moved **approval of agenda** with deleting item #14. Sanders second. Motion carried. (3-0).

Sanders moved **approval of consent agenda** bill approval with the addition of Prairie Road Builders 73,810.51, MTI \$39,954.73 for the mower and Pat McGrath, treasurer's report, DAR and Council meeting minutes from July 18th, 2016. Beaty second. Motion carried (3-0).

Linn County Sheriff Report: Report stated there were 87 hours required and 101 hours actually worked with 43 calls

Department Report: Maintenance Report: Sanders questioned if the one way street signs were ready to go for the Palo Fun Days. Doug stated he would get with Jenny on where they need to go.

Fire Department Report: Hanover stated that he was in the building and they fixed the leak in the bathroom there was a pipe that was not glued together. The leak and drywall is fixed. Hanover called two contractors and one came out to find the leak on the roof and could not locate one. Beaty said to have the Fire Department put a bucket down where it is leaking to locate it on the roof. Hanover also stated that the heaters in the bay are starting to rust.

Property Lien: Hanover motioned to approve Resolution #08-17-16A for property lien on 13 Lincoln Drive for mowing. Sanders second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Linn County Housing Fund: Tracy Ackenbach from ECICOG and John Harris Linn County Supervisor were present to discuss the LMI funding projects and state money that is available for housing. Currently there is a 5 year forgivable loan for LMI qualified projects, rehabilitation, down payment assistance or other activities related to preserving or creating affordable housing opportunities for homeowners or renters. For more information can visit www.ecicog.org/housing-fund-for-linn-county.html.

Street Financial Report: Sanders motioned to approve Resolution#08-17-16B FY 16 Street Financial Report. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Electric Line Easement: Discussion regarding ITC electric line easement request for .18 acres located on Blairs Ferry Road by the boat ramp for an electrical line easement. City Attorney questioned if there was a monetary amount being presented that we may not legally be able to give property away. Sanders motioned to postpone this easement until next month to research the information. Hanover second. Motion carried (3-0).

Operation of Off-Road Utility Vehicles Ordinance Amendment 610-2016: Sanders stated that there should be some language that states owners and operators of side by sides or golf carts are not able to drive on city streets unless they obtain a permit through the city first. City Attorney stated that the city could pass the ordinance to include the new language for off-road utility vehicles and then follow with the definition to match the state code and make allowable by resolution. Sanders motion to open the public hearing at 7:23pm. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0). Motion by Beaty to close the public hearing at 7:24pm. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0). Sanders motioned to pass the first reading of Ordinance 610-2016 to include the language to add side by sides to the Operation of Off-Road Utility Vehicle Ordinance as per section 321I.1 of the Iowa Code. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0). Sanders motioned to waive the requirements for a separate meeting and approve the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 610-2016. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Employee Resolution: Mayor Yock recommended hiring of Lenna Goodale for the full-time Deputy Clerk position as she has been working part-time since December 2015. Motion by Beaty to approve Resolution #08-17-16D hiring of Lenna Goodale for the Fulltime Deputy City Clerk position including employee benefits. Hanover questioned if this was publicized. Yock stated it was in the gazette. Sanders second. Roll call. Motion carried (3-0).

Audience Comments: Bill Zeller questioned if the city could mow the two weed patches south of town. Stated the City Maintenance building needs to be cleaned up outside. Questioned why we are spraying for mosquitos doesn't work. Zeller also questioned if the city could buy a sweeper for the grass up at the ball diamonds.

Old Business: Sanders questioned when the stop signs on Vinton and 3rd Street were going to be put up. Yock stated they have been ordered. Beaty questioned if the council was still intending on getting bids for a sickle cell mower. Maintenance was unaware of any quotes to purchase one. If you're going to get one we need one with blades.

Motion by Hanover to **adjourn** at 7:45pm. Sanders second. Motion carried (3-0).

Trisca Dix
City Clerk