

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo Council Chambers on September 21st, 2015. Mayor Tom Yock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Delmar Jellison, Doug Hanover, Ryan Scheckel, Brian Beaty and Tom Sanders. Others Present: City Attorney; Erek Sittig, Public Works Employee; Jennifer Cady.

Mayor Yock led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Sanders moved **approval of agenda** with the removal of agenda item #9 Resolutions for expressing support for 5 Linn County Supervisors. Hanover second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Hanover moved **approval of consent agenda** bill approval, treasurer's report, DAR and Council meeting minutes from August 17th 2015. Jellison second. Motion carried (5-0).

Linn County Sheriff Report: Deputy reported 100.8 hrs actually worked with 47 logs. Deputy stated the break ins to the vehicles were actually unlocked vehicles that people were getting into. Encourage everyone to lock their vehicles. Mayor Yock stated there is still a lot of vandalism at the park if they could keep an eye on it at night when in town.

Department Report: Maintenance Report: Sanders questioned the hauling of ash to the landfill if that was with dump truck and how much was the total cost. Cady stated it was with the dump truck and the cost was around \$1000 dumping fees. Beaty stated he would like to see the area cleaned up as soon as possible. Sanders would like to see the fence left up for the time being. Fire Department Report: Chris Donley asked if the signs have been ordered for along the highway. Mayor Yock requested Maintenance to Fire Station signs for installation. Chris asked about the old flag pole. Mayor Yock stated that he is going to work with local residents that stated they would help move and pour the concrete for new location.

Habitat for Humanity: Jeff Capps Executive Director for Habitat for Humanity was present to discuss the upcoming project of building a home in Palo on Dale Lee Drive. The organization has been in existence since 1988 with most of the work historically being done in Cedar Rapids. Jeff stated that everyone has been very welcoming in town. The organization has partnered with the Palo United Methodist Church and DAEC both with volunteers and contributing financially. The building will start in a couple weeks and work through the winter months. If anyone is interested in volunteering either by trade or hospitality or monetary donations there is a website at www.habitat.org. or contact directly at (319)366-4485. There will be an open house sponsored by the Palo United Methodist Church on October 11th from 2-4 pm we hope everyone can attend.

Eastern Iowa Excavating Pay Application #1: Motion by Hanover to approve pay application #1 for the for 2015 Palo Street Paving, Drainage and Improvement Project in the amount of \$144,993.28. Beaty second. Motion carried (5-0).

Eastern Iowa Excavating Change Order #1: Motion by Sanders to approve change order #1 for the for 2015 Palo Street Paving, Drainage and Improvement Project including Replacement of two existing 12" metal pipes, Sanitary Manhole Structure Replacement and Suitable Backfill, Sanitary Repairs increasing the total by \$16,445.00 Beaty second. Motion carried (5-0).

Dry Creek 5th Addition Final Plat: Jellison motion to approve Resolution #09-21-15B approving the Dry Creek 5th Addition Final Plat. Hanover second. Roll call. Beaty Abstained. Motion carried (4-0).

Drainage Projects: Discussion regarding the FEMA committee that met with city representatives to discuss flood mitigation issues. This committee has been traveling the state focusing on the Palo area along with other cities. There is an upcoming teleconference on Thursday to discuss some of the mitigation issues that were identified such as creek bank stabilization, issues with farmer tillage and runoff through town, dredging the river and the mouth of dry creek entering the Cedar River. Beaty stated he would like to see retention through town. Zeller stated a dike at the railroad bridge through town. Any Council member who would like to sit in on the teleconference on Thursday at 1:00 please let the city clerks know.

Street Financial Report: Hanover motion to approve Resolution #09-21-15C Street Financial Report for FY14-15. Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Money Transfer: Beaty motion to approve Resolution #09-21-15D to transfer money from Money

Market to General Ledger for Infrastructure projects in the amount of \$144,993.28. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (5-0).

Corridor Metropolitan Planning Organization: Beaty motioned to submit application for request to join the MPO Committee. This organization is comprised of elected officials or staff from other cities to meet once a month that uses public input and federal dollars to make smart transportation funding decisions with the goal of enhancing quality of life. Hanover second. Motion carried (5-0). Mayor Yock to sit on committee.

GIS System: Mayor Yock stated that Mike Liska with HR Green was out last week for a training session on the new features to the GIS System. It now has capabilities to use mobile equipment such as Smartphone, ipad or tablet to enter information or gps locations. This will allow the city to enter a lot of the information in-house. Looking for direction on pricing the sewer and road use module. Council stated they would like to see pricing on getting the sewer and road use module to be added to the system. Will bring proposal to the next council meeting.

Mayor asked for a break at 8:00PM. Meeting resumed at 8:10PM

Brogan Liquor License: Motion by Scheckel to approve Brogans Liquor license. Jellison second. Motion carried (5-0).

Dumping site for Yard Waste: Discussion regarding the option of having someone sit up at the yard waste site from 8-noon. Beaty stated the problem with that is the location; the people that are going to use it as intended aren't the issue its all the people from outside of town and/or people throwing garbage in there and other items that cannot be burned. Also issues with dumping right outside the gate. Beaty suggest clean up area and get roll off at the Maintenance Building for a trial period of a couple months. Motion by Beaty to place the dumpster at the Maintenance Building for a trial basis of a couple months and clean up current site. Scheckel second. Roll call. Jellison nay. Motion carried (4-1). Staff to send out email and put on website that this is where the yard waste location will be and if it is abused we will no longer be able to offer the option.

Audience Comments: Zeller stated that he was happy to see the drain that was installed in front of his house working. Zeller did say that he had to punch a hole in the sediment cloth to get to drain properly. Zeller questioned the fire hydrant in front of the ball diamond that was damaged said it is still leaning. Zeller questioned if the city had plans to purchase a new truck. Council stated not until the roads are completed as we did just purchase a dump truck for snow plowing etc... Zeller questioned the drains that will be installed with the road project up by the church. Beaty stated some of those drains have been removed when the road was cut down. Jellison stated he was very glad to see the Council working with the contractors and answering what questions we all had to help eliminate any issues. Would like to see a pre meeting with the Council to go over plans prior to the next project as there is a lot of expertise that sits up here and would eliminate any questions/ issues from the beginning.

Motion by Hanover to **adjourn** at 9:02 p.m. Jellison second. Motion carried (5-0).

Trisca Dix
City Clerk