

The Palo City Council met in regular session at Palo City Hall in the Council Chambers March 12, 2012. Mayor Tom Sanders called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Council Members present: Brian Beaty, Josh Frank, Doug Hanover, Trent Miller and Scott Packingham. Absent: None. Others present: Scott Peterson, Matt Wildman and Chad Sands.

Hanover moved approval of agenda with the addition of moving item #20 Water FAQ's after item #6, Miller second. Motion carried. (5-0)

Hanover moved approval of consent agenda: bill approval, treasurer's report, February 13th, 2012 meeting minutes, Frank second. Motion carried. (5-0)

Lion's Club report was presented by Delmar Packingham stating the Fish Fry on March 9th was a success, had over 500 adults and 50 children. Thanked Council for the use of the facility.

Audience Comments Non-Agenda items: Q. Dick Postma asked what FPL stood for? A. Florida Power and Light they own the spur track going to the power plant. Q. Matt Lewis questioned if the city was going to put a net on ball diamond #2? A). Yes the city has purchased a net and will be installing this spring.

Discussion regarding FAQ's on Water Treatment and Distribution Project: Q. What is the cost for the connection to the house? A. Each house is different it will depend on the amount of plumbing that needs to be done in the home and how far the service line needs to be ran from the curb stop box. Miller stated the Water Committee that has been established since December 2009 looked into the option of having the city go out for bid for a contractor and there were liability and legal issues involved. Matt Wildman stated the 6.645 million dollar grant will not allow for additional funding. Q. Where will the location of the curb box be at our property? A. Miller stated currently it is being marked in the center of your property up to the property line. Mayor Sanders stated the curb box will be placed up to your property line in the right of way (ROW) you can move the location of the curb box to make an easier service line installation into your home. Suggest contacting the contractor first to help with location. Q. What are you doing about communication with the residents? A. The City will be putting an informational packet together for all residents. Letters are being delivered to the residents where the water main is scheduled to be installed and to residents where there is already a water main. Q. Will someone mark where my curb box is currently located? A. Mayor Sanders stated the Maintenance staff has already located most of the curb boxes in the Cedar River Estates development. If you contact City Hall the Maintenance Superintendent will help locate it for you. Q. What if we can't afford to pay for the connecting? A. The city can work with the homeowner on getting the service provided and implementing a property tax assessment. There are limited resources available however staff is looking into other options. Scott Peterson broke out the grant valuation per resident based on the 2010 census and stated it would roughly come to \$7890 per person and roughly \$30,000 for a family of four. Most communities are facing added debt service or capital improvement cost for repairing and replacing deteriorated water lines. The residents will have an initial cost but will not be facing additional repair or replacement costs for roughly 25 years.

Linn County Sheriff report was presented with 108 hours required and 130.7 actual hours worked. Sheriff stated that JP Morgan Chase has a scam wanting people to reset their password divulge information please do not respond.

Planning & Zoning Commission and the Linn County Planning & Zoning Commission for the past two (2) years on research and compiling information. This plan is a blue print for the city will operate in the future, making yearly goals and indentifying projects. Motion by Miller to close public hearing at 7:59 p.m., Hanover second. Roll call.

Motion carried. (5-0). Hanover motion to approve Resolution 031212A Adopting the Comprehensive Smart Plan, Beaty seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Beaty motion to table Change Order #1 for Well#2 until further explanation is provided, seconded by Hanover. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0)

Miller motion to approve Change Order #2 for Ricklefs Excavating with a credit of \$1415.00 for changes in Phase I of the Water Main Distribution Project, Frank seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Beaty motion to approve Lions Club request to allocate funding in the amount of \$3500 to go towards Palo Fund Day for security with the Sheriff Department and Fire Works, Packingham seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Hanover motion to open Budget FY12/13 Public Hearing at 8:21pm, Beaty seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0). Clerk did not receive written comments. No audience comments were received. Beaty motion to close public hearing at 8:24pm, Hanover seconded. Miller motion to approve Resolution 031212B the Adoption of the Budget FY 12/13, Frank second. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0)

Beaty motion to approve Resolution 031212C Palo Concessions Agreement for 2012 Baseball Season with eliminating the city to provide ice machine and dumpster for cardboard and adding liability for property damage, Hanover seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Miller motion to approve Resolution 021312D Ball Diamond Contract 2012 for Sting, Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0)

Hanover motion to approve Resolution 021312E Ball Diamond Contract 2012 for Cedar Rapids Red, Frank second. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0)

Packingham motion to approve Resolution 021312F Ball Diamond Contract 2012 for Cougars with eliminating the #14 advertising, Beaty second. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0)

Discussion on funding for the boat ramp project city would like to request funds from the Palo Rebuild fund, still waiting on Linn County for 28E agreement and would also like to look at line items in the bid for Maintenance staff to perform. Beaty motion to table the Boat Ramp RFQ until further information is received from the County, Miller seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Motion by Miller to approve the Pigman Triathlon events on June 3rd and August 19th, 2012, Packingham seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Hanover motion to approve Resolution 031212H setting the public hearing for Bond Sale March 26th, 2012 at 5:30pm, Miller seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Packingham motion to set Special Council Meeting for Monday March 26th, 2012, Frank seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Miller motion to move the Regular Council Meeting from Monday April 9th to Tuesday April 10th, 2012 at 6:30 due to the Bond Sale, Frank seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Miller motion to set a Special Council Meeting for Monday April 23rd, 2012 at 6:30pm in regards to the Bond Sale, Hanover seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Hanover motion to approve Resolution 021312I to approve the transfer of \$40,000 from Money Market LOST to Money Market General, Miller second. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0)

Miller motion to approve Resolution 021312J to approve the transfer of \$1,000,000 from General to Debt Service, Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Miller motion to have City Attorney contact Iowa Northern Railroad to approve changes with the INR Railroad Agreement, Packingham seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Hanover motion to approve Resolution 031212L Street Light Resolution with the addition of Minors Drive, Beaty seconded. Roll call. Motion carried. (5-0).

Old Business:

Beaty questioned the status on the LP tank. Stated it is still on back order. Beaty also questioned the drainage easement for the splash pad. This item will be discussed at the Staff Meeting on March 26th.

Mayor and Council agreed the remaining sump pump inspections will be performed when installing the new water meters.

Hanover questioned the use of keys to the City Hall offices for copier. Scott Peterson stated there is additional concern and obligations the more access there is. Mayor will review with City Administrator.

City Administrator stated the Tornado Shelter signs will be replaced with the ones through Linn County. Glenn is working with the County on re-installing the signs.

Motion by Miller to adjourn at 10:33pm, Packingham second. Motion carried. (5-0).

Respectfully Submitted by:

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City Administrator