

The Palo City Council met in open session Monday April 16th, 2018 at the Palo Community Center in the Council Chambers. Mayor Ryan Scheckel called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with the following council present: Doug Hanover, Angie Brekke, Pete Hagstrom and Travis Rieck. Absent: Jake Sutherland. Others Present: Jenny Salyars; City Public Works, Lenna Goodale; Deputy City Clerk, Chris Donley; Fire Chief; Ere Sittig, City Attorney. Mayor Scheckel led those present in the pledge of allegiance.

Hanover motioned for approval of the agenda. Hagstrom second. Motion carried (4-0).

Hanover motioned to approve the consent agenda including the bill approval, DAR, Treasurer's report, council minutes from March 19th, 2018, Palo Mini Mart Liquor License and Palo Mini Mart Tobacco Permit. Brekke second. Motion carried (4-0).

Linn County Sheriff's Deputy was present to submit the monthly report that included 96.5 hours worked with 40 calls for service. Mayor Scheckel requested when they are driving through town to make their presence known in the development and residential areas.

Audience Comments: None

Department Reports: Brekke thanked the Public Works for taking the elected official on a tour of the infrastructure facilities. Jeremy with Iowa Pump Works was present and Brogan was conferencing in with council to answer any questions they may have with the smart sensor for manholes. Scheckel stated that we have all looked at it online and would like to hear more. Brogan stated that training with city employees will be trained in the field when units are installed takes about 30-45 minutes per location. We will set up website for customer and take you through the web tutorial. Brekke questioned how this system compares with I&I problems? Brogan stated our products biggest application is to find I&I areas as we separate the system by zones and sub zones checking in dry and wet locations. All data is transmitted by satellite and is archived. Question how easily alerts can be cleared? Two different option hold off alarm and mute for 2 hours or go online or turn off completely. City will have password protected access for users as well as a list of callout numbers for alarms. Brogan stated these are operational in dry and wet conditions they can be driven over with the technology installed in the manhole. Mayor/Council thanked Brogan for the additional information. Scheckel stated this is a product that I think will be very helpful, however maintenance needs to use it. Salyars stated we need a product like this to help identify problem areas. Hagstrom questioned what they would provide moving the manhole to a different location. Jeremy stated that they have a pick tool to lift the manhole to remove. Brekke commented that she would like to see another version to compare it to. Hanover motioned to table until next month. Hagstrom second. Motion carried (4-0).

Scheckel discussed the park equipment in Drake park stating council has reviewed in the past as there are two issues, the backstop was put in wrong and our Insurance is requiring a fence for the location of the park equipment due to the distance from the creek. Hanover stated the residents wanted that park equipment to stay there. After further discussion recommended to look into ICAP requirements for how far the park equipment needs to be from the creek. Possibly remove the backstop and move park equipment over. Work with Park & Recreation Board on ideas.

Randy with Prairie Road Builders presented a contracted rate to the council for any seal coat that may need to be performed this year. Randy recommended a second coat go onto Dale Lee Drive and also the Pleasant Creek Estates area. Salyars stated that the dead end of Cedar River Drive was missed when

they paved last time and has been temporarily restored. Also stated the Alley behind the post office that was paved last year has a lot of potholes in it. Randy will look at the alley. Brekke motioned to approve the contracted rate for 2018. Hanover second. Motion carried (4-0).

Joe Horaney with Solid Waste Agency presented the council with updates. Reminder that residents from Linn County can get compost from the A Ave location for free up to one ton per visit. For other updates please visit <https://www.solidwasteagency.org/>.

Discussion regarding the water line on 507 Main street stating the flag was moved over by the homeowner prior to the curb stops being installed through the water project. The service line was then ran to the property. The homeowners that live at 505 Main Street whose property the water line is located on had their property surveyed. Pictures were submitted showing the location of the property line and where the service line is located. Council requested to have the curb stop moved or a new one installed to be located on the correct property at 507 Main Street. Motion by Brekke to move forward on determining the responsibility and location for the curb stop at 507 Main Street. Rieck second. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Brekke to approve Resolution No. 041618A Palo Savings Bank Site Plan contingent upon the engineer's recommendations. Hagstrom second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion regarding new building inspector. Brekke stated that the 28 E agreement with Ely is being proposed as 2 half days per week. Travis Schrage discussed his concern with availability with biggest concern being footing inspections with weather conditions affecting timeline. Hanover motioned to approve Resolution No. 041618B termination of 28E agreement with Linn County Planning & Development for inspection services, Brekke second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Motion by Hagstrom to approve the bid for lighting replacement for the Palo Community Center both interior and exterior. Brekke second. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion regarding Solar Energy Ordinance. Hanover motioned to table and send to P&Z to review. Hagstrom second. Motion carried (4-0).

Brekke motioned to approve Resolution No. 041618C Mosquito Control contract for 2018 in the amount of \$4655. Hanover second. Roll call. Motion carried (4-0).

Discussion regarding brush removal on Covington Road. Dix stated after talking to Rob Roman with Linn County Secondary Roads there may be a joint burning project for the brush and prairie grass in correlation with the Palo Fire Department. Brekke motioned to table quotes if burning is possible. Hagstrom second. Motion carried (4-0).

Hanover stated he was approached by residents on Vinton Street to see if we can remove no parking signs on one side of the street. Hanover suggested to keep the signs on the north side of Vinton Street from 4th Street out to the Rail Road tracks. Add to next agenda.

Old Business: Hagstrom stated that he has a coach for t-ball who is working with the city on scheduling.
New Business: Scheckel requested to have the street sweeper pick up extra rock that is around due to

snow and plowing.

Motion by Brekke to adjourn, seconded by Hagstrom, meeting adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Trisca Dix