

CITY OF PALACIOS
CITY COUNCIL
 311 Henderson Avenue
 Palacios, TX 77465
 May 13, 2014

MINUTES

7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Mayor Sardelich called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 Councilmembers present: Mayor Sardelich, Johnny Tran, Judy Chavez, Ed Schulze, Troy Lewis and Gary Hafernick.

Councilmembers absent: Andy Erdelt

City Staff present: City Manager David Kocurek, City Treasurer Jackie Jones, and Assistant Treasurer Christie Watkins

Invocation – Councilmember Hafernick
 Pledge of Allegiance- Councilmember Chavez
 Pledge to Texas Flag – Councilmember Chavez
 Pledge to Palacios Flag – Councilmember Chavez

Palacios Community HUB Quarterly Report (Brandi West, HUB Coordinator)

1. The facility provided by the city has been renovated and continues to strengthen the community through job fairs and reading workshops.

Visitor/Citizen Forum

1. Paul Saustrup, small business owner of a Laundromat in Palacios, requests the city council to review the city's water plan and consider revising and using Plan 1, 2 or 3. States that the current plan (Plan 4) causes him to lose revenue the last 10 days of every monthly billing cycle. Councilmember Hafernick stated that he and the city manager had requested pertinent information from Saustrup and that the information was never provided. Mayor Sardelich intervened stating that the Forum was not a question and answer situation and that Saustrup's comments were taken into consideration.
2. Bruce Hodge, local firefighter, requests the use of condemned properties for Fire and Rescue training.
3. Dennis Smith, local resident, provided a written complaint to the council in regards to the replacement of the culvert in front of his home. States that the black pipe culvert used is not as aesthetically pleasing as the concrete and damage to his driveway was sustained during replacement.
4. Bonnie Vincent, local resident, states that the Rainbow Land business is now listed on the Matagorda County Historical Commission and requests that any councilmembers or citizens in possession of any historical photos of the site submit them for presentation.

City Manager Report

1. Office Staff Introductions; Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, and City Secretary.
 City Manager David Kocurek introduced City Treasurer Jackie Jones, Assistant Treasurer Christie Watkins and City Secretary Robert Seward.
2. Update Zoning Board of Adjustments Committee meeting held on May 8th.
 City Manager updated councilmembers on progress and informed them of upcoming meeting with the date to be determined.
3. Update Park and Recreation Committee meeting held on May 12th.
 Councilmember Tran, council liaison, stated that the committee petitioned to have two proposals. First being that Mr. Santo Perez, Asbestos Coordinator for the school, is going through TASB (Texas Association of School Boards) to obtain maintenance records for any asbestos related activities previously done by the school. Second being that Ms. Benson has looked into an asbestos building inspection by Bay Environmental Inc. at a cost of \$1200.00.
4. Spring Clean-Up Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Clean-up still scheduled for May 17, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Items to be considered:

1. Discuss and consider action to schedule a Special Council Meeting for May 20, 2014 to canvass the votes.

Councilmember Schulze moved to hold the Election Canvass at 6:00 pm on May 20, 2014.

Councilmember Chavez seconded.

Opposition: None.

With no opposition, motion carried.

2. Discuss and consider action to approve consent agenda items:

- a. Minutes of April 22, 2014 Regular Meeting
- b. Excuse the absences of Mayor John Sardelich and Councilmember Gary Hafernick from the April 22, 2014 Council Meeting.

Councilmember Lewis moved to approve the consent agenda items.

Councilmember Schulze seconded.

Opposition: None.

With no opposition, motion carried.

Executive Session:

In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, (Open Meetings Law) the Council May go into Executive (closed) session in order to:

Consult with its attorney (551.071)

Discuss Real Estate transaction (551.072)

Deliberation regarding prospective gifts or donation (551.073)

Discuss personnel matters (551.074)

1. Discuss City Manager's Appointment of City Secretary
 2. Discuss City Manager's Annual Evaluation and Performance Review
- Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)
- Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087)

City Council went into Executive Session at 7:38 p.m.

City Council returned to chambers at 8:15 p.m.

Action on Executive Session:

1. Discuss and Consider Confirmation of the City Manager's Appointment of City Secretary.

Councilmember Schulze moved to confirm Robert Seward as the new Palacios City Secretary. Mayor Sardelich seconded.

Opposition: None.

With no opposition, motion carried.

2. Discuss and Consider City Manager's Annual Evaluation and Performance Review
- Councilmember Lewis moved to discuss the City Manager's Annual Evaluation and Performance Review at a workshop to be held May 27, 2013 at 6:00pm.

Councilmember Chavez seconded.

Opposition: None.

With no opposition, motion carried.

Councilmember Lewis moved to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Councilmember Schulze seconded.

Opposition: None.

With no opposition, motion carried.



John C. Sardelich, Mayor



Robert Seward, City Secretary

