

CITY OF PALACIOS  
 CITY COUNCIL  
 311 Henderson Avenue  
 Palacios, TX 77465  
 January 14, 2014

MINUTES

7:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting

Mayor John Sardelich called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council Members present: Mayor Sardelich, Johnny Tran, Judy Chavez, Andy Erdelt, Ed Schulze, Gary Hafernick, and Troy Lewis. Council Members absent: None. City Staff present: City Manager David Kocurek, Police Chief David Miles and City Secretary Keri Berger.

Invocation – Council Member Ed Schulze  
 Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Johnny Tran  
 Pledge to Texas Flag – Council Member Johnny Tran  
 Pledge to Palacios Flag – Council Member Johnny Tran

Proclamation – Margaret Lynn

Mayor Sardelich read the proclamation, declaring January 18, 2014 as Margaret Lynn Day in honor of her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Also read was a proclamation from Governor Rick Perry and the Mayor will present the proclamations and an engraved gavel at her party on Saturday, January 18, 2014.

Special Presentation – Kristi Smith, Economic Action Committee  
 Ms. Smith addressed the Council regarding upcoming opportunities for the EAC and asked for support from Palacios. There will be a homeless count done next Thursday January 23<sup>rd</sup> for a 24 hour period. Staff from the EAC will be in town looking for individuals who may be homeless.

Visitor/Citizen Forum

1. Bonnie Benson, question for Johnny Tran: When is the Vietnamese New Year? Council Member Tran responded that the New Year will be the weekend containing February 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Tasha Sanchez, on behalf of the SOMETHING, asking for a proclamation for National African American Heritage Day for the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in February (February 22<sup>nd</sup>). Angela Fletcher also addressed Council to confirm it would be the fourth Saturday.

City Manager's Report

1. Public Town Hall Meeting for the Pavilion Committee will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2014 from 5:30 – 7:30 at City Hall. Council is encouraged to attend and efforts will be made to ensure public awareness.
2. Peggy Georgi obtained Code Enforcement License and Manuel Guevara received Animal Control Certification. City Manager David Kocurek announced these accomplishments for the City employees.
3. Winter Texan's Supper to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014. This event was announced by the City Manager.
4. Harmonie Club Valentine's Parade to be held on Saturday, February 8, 2014. This event was announced by the City Manager. All Council members who would like to participate may contact the City Secretary or the Parade Chairman directly.
5. Palacios Volunteer Fire Department Banquet to be held on Friday January 17, 2014. Council is invited to this event.

Items to be considered:

1. Discuss and consider accepting a car donated by Matagorda County Sheriff's Department to be used as a courtesy car at the airport. (City Manager)  
Mayor Sardelich moved to accept the donation.  
Council Member Schulze seconded.  
Opposition: None  
With no opposition, the motion carried.
2. Discuss and consider appointing someone to fill the unexpired term for Place # 3; left vacant by the resignation of Chairman Helen Callais. (City Manager)  
Council Member Schulze moved to table this item to advertise for applicants.  
Council Member Chavez seconded.  
Opposition: None  
With no opposition, the motion carried.
3. Discuss and consider authorizing the purchase of two automated external defibrillators to be used by the Palacios Police Department. (Mayor Sardelich)  
Mayor Sardelich moved to authorize the purchase of two AED devices.  
Council Member Chavez seconded.  
Opposition: None  
With no opposition, the motion carried.
4. Discuss and consider approving a revised organizational chart for the City of Palacios. (City Manager)  
Council Member Hafernick moved to approve the revised organizational chart as presented.  
Mayor Sardelich seconded.  
Opposition: Council Members Lewis, Erdelt, Schulze, Chavez and Tran  
With a 2 – 5 vote, the motion failed.
5. Report from the Parks and Recreation Committee. (Council Member Hafernick)  
Council Member Hafernick discussed the upcoming meeting for the board and announced they are taking bids for park improvements involving concrete work.
6. Report from the Airport Committee. (Council Member Lewis)  
Council Member Lewis discussed the recent board meeting. Items on their agenda included the courtesy car, regulations to be followed by patrons at the airport, and future projects.
7. Discuss and consider the Rainbowland Feasibility Study and direct the Parks and Recreation Committee to develop a recommendation. (Council Member Lewis)  
Council Member Tran moved to direct the Parks and Recreation Committee to develop a recommendation concerning this study.  
Council Member Erdelt seconded.  
Opposition: Mayor Sardelich and Council Member Hafernick  
With a 5 – 2 vote, the motion carried.
8. Discuss and consider action to approve consent agenda items:
  - a. Minutes of December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting
  - b. Excuse the absence of Mayor Sardelich from the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting
  - c. Excuse the absence of Council Member Judy Chavez from the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting
  - d. Excuse the absence of Council Member Andy Erdelt from the December 10, 2013 Regular Meeting
  - e. Approve the travel expenses for Mayor John Sardelich
 Council Member Erdelt moved to approve consent agenda items as presented.  
Council Member Lewis seconded.  
Opposition: None  
With no opposition, the 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)
- Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)
- Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087)

Action on Executive Session:

Adjournment

Council Member Lewis moved to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. Council Member Schulze seconded. Motion carried.

  
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 John G. Sardelich, Mayor

  
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 Keri Berger, City Secretary

