



JOHN C. SARDELICH – Mayor
 JOHNNY TRAN – Mayor Pro-Tem – Councilmember Place 1
 JUDY CHAVEZ – Councilmember Place 2
 MARY CROCKER – Councilmember Place 3
 GLEN SMITH – Councilmember Place 4
 ANDY ERDELT – Councilmember Place 5
 TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 6

**CITY OF PALACIOS
 CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
 August 25, 2015**

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Sardelich called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
 Councilmembers present: Mayor Sardelich, Andy Erdelt, Johnny Tran, Troy Lewis, Judy Chavez, Mary Crocker and Glen Smith.
 Councilmembers absent:
 City Staff present: City Manager David Kocurek, Police Chief David Miles and City Treasurer Jackie Jones

INVOCATION – Councilmember Chavez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Crocker

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Crocker

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Crocker

PRESENTATIONS

1. Palacios Library

Dale Behnke, President of the Library Board, expressed his and the boards appreciation for the continued support from the Council for the Library. The library is a great asset to Palacios and there are many programs that benefit the community. Mayor Sardelich thanked the staff and volunteers of the library for continuing to support the community. The Harvest Moon will be October 24th.

2. Palacios Community HUB

Gayle Purvis, member of the HUB Board, introduced Lauren Anderson and Jaime with Vista and introduced Casandra Austin, the new Executive Director of the HUB. Casandra Austin addressed council on the programs the HUB has to offer.

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM

No citizens wished to address City Council.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing regarding the Texas Department of Agriculture's CDBG Program and to receive comments and discuss the citizen participation plan, local housing and community development needs, available funding, eligible activities, past use of funds, and development of CDBG applications.

Mayor Sardelich opened the public hearing at 7:18p.m.

Kelle Odom, with GrantWorks, explained the CDBG Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization grant requirements and the match requirements. She also gave examples of the types of projects that are allowed and the steps required to apply. David Kocurek, City Manager, stated that we are working on the addresses and the support letters.

Councilmember Smith stated that the committee was looking at the sidewalks on the Northside of Main St.

Mayor Sardelich closed the public hearing at 7:26p.m.

2. Public Hearing on the City of Palacios budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

Mayor Sardelich opened the public hearing at 7:26p.m.

Chip Woolf, Palacios Resident, spoke regarding the "Special Services" line items and suggested more descriptive line items. He also voiced his concerns on the water and sewer revenues and the condition of streets.

Bonnie Benson spoke regarding the police department budget. She questioned the amount of money that is spent on the police department when there is not a huge amount of crime. She also questioned the amount of man power.

Chief David Miles stated that the reason the crime rate is low is because of the aggressiveness of the police department. The primary purpose is to keep the safety of the officers and the citizens safe. We are working on grants to help alleviate the strain on the budget. The Chief also said that he utilizes part-time employees to cover vacations which saves on the cost of benefits. Councilmember Smith stated that the low crime rate and the safety of the public are important to the citizens of Palacios. Paul Michna, Palacios Resident, former Chief of Police Tomball & Magnolia spoke of his experience with police department budgets. He stated that with his experience the police department is usually always about 50% of the total budget. Mayor Sardelich closed the public hearing at 8:10p.m.

3. First Public Hearing on the proposed property tax rate of 0.84000 per \$100. The Second Public Hearing will be September 1, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Sardelich opened the public hearing at 8:10p.m. Chip Wolf, Palacios Resident, spoke about the county tax rate going up because he was told that the cost of business is going up. He appreciated the fact that the city's tax rate will be going down although he asked that the City go with the effective tax rate. Mayor Sardelich closed the public hearing at 8:24p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

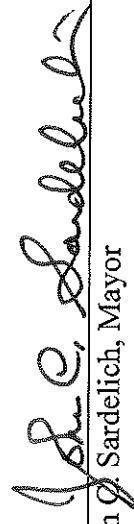
1. Receive report from the City Manager
 - a. Palacios Coastal Education Pavilion Update – The pre-bid meeting was held August 24th at the Navigation District there were 3 general contractors and the bid opening was extended for September 3rd at 2p.m. at City Hall.
 - b. Defibrillators – The defibrillators were installed in vehicles and are readily available if the need is there.
2. Upcoming Events – City Manager announced the following:
 - a. City Wide Cleanup – September 19th 8am-1pm
 - b. Palacios Community Medical Center Box Supper Fundraiser – September 24th 6pm
 - c. Palacios Community Medical Clinic groundbreaking – September 17th 4-6pm
 - d. Palacios Bayfest – October 10th


ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss, consider and adopt a resolution to designate an administration service provider for the City 2015 FEMA Hazzard Mitigation Fund Contract for the Emergency Generator Project.
Councilmember Chavez moved to adopt Resolution 2015-R-11.
Councilmember Crocker seconded.
Opposition: None.
With no opposition, the motion carried.
2. Discuss and consider approving the following consent agenda items:
 - a) Minutes of the August 11, 2015 Regular Council Meeting.
 - b) Travel Expenses for Councilmember Crocker
 - c) Travel Expenses for Councilmember Smith
 Councilmember Tran moved to approve the items as presented.
Councilmember Erdelt seconded.
Opposition: None.
With no opposition, the motion carried.

ADJOURN

Mayor Sardelich moved to adjourn at 8:40 p.m.
Councilmember Tran seconded.
Opposition: None.
With no opposition, the motion carried.


John G. Sardelich, Mayor


David Kocurek, City Manager