

**CITY OF PALACIOS
CITY COUNCIL
311 Henderson Avenue
Palacios, TX 77465
January 28, 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 Gary Hafernick
Pledge of Allegiance – Council Member Troy Lewis
Pledge to Texas Flag – Council Member Troy Lewis
Pledge to Palacios Flag – Council Member Troy Lewis

Visitor/Citizen Forum

1. Amy Molina, 419 Welch, needs help with drainage. Has asked for a ditch to be put in her front yard. A work order was done in April but the work wasn't completed. Called again in June to ask again. Still nothing has been done. Her neighbors have received a ditch and culverts since her request. The neighbors did not request a ditch also did not pay for culverts that were installed.
City Manager's response is that there is already a culvert there; it just needs to be cleaned out. This is in the works and should be completed in the near future and at no cost to the customer.
2. Gary Hafernick, had an experience at the local emergency room this past weekend. Appreciates the professionalism and knowledge we have in our small town. Also, today is my last day on the Parks & Rec Committee. Someone else can step up and take this committee forward.
3. Judy Chavez, visited the Palacios Community HUB today. Very proud of the Council for donating the building for the HUB. The volunteers there worked hard and are doing a good job for our community.

City Manager's Report

1. Discussion of Town Hall Meeting.
Meeting was well attended and some productive conversation took place. The Architect revealed the two potential sites and gave the assets and constraints of each. Visitors were given a preliminary budget document as well as a survey to be returned by January 31st.
2. Discussion of Local Option Election.
A valid petition was received and we will be calling a special election to consider legalizing the sale of mixed beverages within the city limits of Palacios.

Items to be considered:

1. Discuss and consider approving change order #2 for the Green Street Water Plant Improvement Project (City Manager)
Council Member Schulze moved to approve the change order as presented.
Council Member Chavez seconded.
Opposition: None
With no opposition, the motion carried.

2. Discuss and consider approving the contract extension for Progressive Waste Solutions (IESI). (City Manager)
Mr. Royce Gray addressed Council on behalf of Progressive Waste Solutions. Council Member Erdelt moved to approve the extension as presented.
Council Member Lewis seconded.
Opposition: None
With no opposition, the motion carried.
3. Discussion of opportunities for citizens to complete the pavilion survey and have their votes included in the committee's recommendation. (Mayor Sardelich)
Little discussion was held at this point due to the issue being discussed at length during the City Manager's report.
4. Discuss and consider approving Resolution 2014-R-1 ordering an Election to be held May 10, 2014 to elect a Mayor and three Council Members, one each for Place 1, Place 2, and Place 6. (City Secretary)
Considera acción para a probra una resolución numero 2014-R-1. Este resolución pide que una elección ser sostenida el día 10 de Mayo 2014. Esta elección es para decidir a un Mayor, y tres miembros de consejo, para colocar un miembro de consejo para lugar 1, lugar 2, y lugar 6.
Council Member Schulze moved to approve the resolution as presented.
Council Member Tran seconded.
Opposition: None
With no opposition, the motion carried.
5. Discuss and consider approving the Investment Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2013. (City Manager)
Council Member Schulze moved to approve the investment report as presented.
Council Member Lewis seconded.
Opposition: None
With no opposition, the motion carried.
6. Discuss and consider approving the Financial Report for the quarter ending December 31, 2013 (City Manager)
Council Member Tran moved to approve the financial report as presented.
Mayor Sardelich seconded.
Opposition: None
With no opposition, the motion carried.
7. Discuss and consider action to approve consent agenda items:
 - a. Minutes of January 14, 2014 Regular Meeting
Council Member Erdelt moved to approve the consent agenda item 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 8:03 p.m. Council Member Tran seconded. Motion carried.



John C. Sardelich, Mayor



Keri Berger, City Secretary

