

## **CITY OF PALACIOS TO RECEIVE \$250,000.00 GRANT FOR DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION**

The City of Palacios has received notification that it has been approved for the award of a Downtown Revitalization project in the amount of \$250,000.00 by the Texas Department of Agriculture (TDA). In a letter dated January 25, 2018, Mayor Glen Smith received word that a contract is being completed and should be emailed to the City within the next 30 to 60 days. "This is proof that perseverance pays off," said Smith. "We have been working on securing this grant for 3 years and the 3<sup>rd</sup> time was the charm. This project will be just the beginning of our efforts to revitalize our downtown and make it a more attractive and safe environment for our citizens and for visitors to our community", he continued.

The project will include new sidewalk, streetlights, and associated infrastructure on the north side of Main Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> streets. Occupants such as the Old Main Book Store, The Weekender and the Palacios Chamber of Commerce will have new entries that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements.

"We will be looking at this grant again in the future as well as other grant funding opportunities to continue projects to enhance our downtown," continued Mayor Smith. "The effort to bring a hotel to the area continues to move positively forward as well as interest by investors in other property for development along our waterfront."

According to the Texas Department of Agriculture, once the City receives the contract for the grant project, it has 30 days to sign and return it to the TDA. Following those guidelines, the project should begin within the next 2-3 months.