

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS
BUDGET / REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 28, 2022

REGULAR AND BUDGET CITY COUNCIL MEETING

A REGULAR and BUDGET City Council meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Palacios on July 28, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 311 Henderson, Palacios, Texas 77465.

PUBLIC HEARING

A public hearing to receive citizen's comments regarding the Texas Parks and Wildlife Parks Grant for Small Communities was opened by Mayor Gardner at 6:01PM. One public comment was made in reference to the park location, which has not been determined. Mayor Gardner asked if the project could be within an existing City Park, which it can. With no other comments, the hearing was closed at 6:05PM.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gardner called the Budget/Regular meeting to order at 6:05PM.

CERTIFICATION OF A QUORUM

Mayor Gardner certified a quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE ROLL CALL

*Mayor, Jim Gardner, Present
Councilmember Place 6, Michael Dotson, Present
Councilmember Place 5, Raylynn Samora, Present
Councilmember, Place 4, Troy Lewis, Present
Councilmember Place 3, Chip Woolf, Present
Councilmember, Place 2, Sharon Trainor, Present
Councilmember Place 1, Larry Glenn, Excused*

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

*Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager
Tobie Bias, Police Chief
Joshua Jones – Police Lieutenant
Ryan Adams, Code Compliance
Christi Adams, Public Works
Darrell Robbins, Public Works Director
Peggy Georgi, Recycling Center Manager
David Holubec, City Secretary*

INVOCATION & PLEDGES

Mayor Gardner recognized Councilmember Trainor, who led the Council, Staff, and Citizens in prayer and pledges to the U.S., Texas, and Palacios Flags.

1. Announcements:

- a. Mayor's Announcements
 - i. Improved agenda format, ongoing
 - ii. All-American City Celebration on August 6th
- b. Council Member's Announcements ~ None
- c. City Manager's Announcements

- i. All-American Celebration
- ii. Fish with the Police – Friday
- iii. Darrell Robbins and Pam Oliver’s retirement
- iv. Introduction to the Palacios All-Star teams to celebrate their accomplishments this summer

2. Citizen Communication: Public comments.

- a. *Markus Sandy ~ Friends of Elder Care Vice-President, Thanked City Manager, Cynthia Raleigh and Police Chief, Tobie Bias for visiting the Elder Care Center to speak to the center patrons. He also indicated that there were job opportunities and board positions available at the center.*

3. Budget Workshop: City Manager Cynthia Raleigh reviewed the proposed budget, goals, and capital plan for the 2022 – 2023 Fiscal Year for the City of Palacios, Texas. This was the second review.

- a. Councilmember Trainor expressed her idea of having the Police Department office open 6-8 hours per night, by non-police officer attendants, to assist citizens in possible distress. Councilmember Woolf stated his concern with this idea and cost.
- b. Councilmember Dotson questioned whether the Palacios Police Department had competitive salaries compared to surrounding cities. City Manager Raleigh stated the Palacios Police Department salary is lower than Matagorda County.
- c. City Manager Raleigh stated she is working with department managers to create measurable budget goals for their departments.
- d. Councilmember Woolf questioned the Municipal Court budget. City Manager Raleigh indicated that there were reasons for the budget increase that she was not able to discuss at this time. Woolf also questioned the legal fee increase and asked if that was due to the current litigation. Raleigh stated it was. Woolf stated he hoped it was enough to cover the legal expenses.
- e. Councilmember Dotson asked about the Recycling Center budget/expenses.

4. Reports and Discussion Items:

- a. **City Manager’s Report ~ Cynthia Raleigh**
Presentation by the City Manager regarding City-wide updates and recognitions.
 - i. She is still negotiating solid waste rates and will be finalizing this process soon.
- b. **Website ~ David Holubec, City Secretary showed Council a preview of the new City website being completed.**

Action Items:


- 5. **RESOLUTION #2022-R-21 ~ The Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Grant was presented by Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager. The resolution was approved by Motion. DISCUSSION MOTION: Woolf/Trainor. Unanimous. APPROVAL MOTION: Lewis/Samora. Unanimous.**
- 6. **RESOLUTION #2022-R-22 ~ The Texas Parks and Wildlife local park grant program for small communities was presented by Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager. The resolution was approved by Motion. DISCUSSION MOTION: Lewis/Trainor. Unanimous. APPROVAL MOTION: Dotson/Lewis. Unanimous.**
- 7. **ORDINANCE #2022-O-10 ~ The second and final reading of the processing fee for electronic payments at the City of Palacios, Texas was presented by Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager. The Ordinance was introduced in the first reading at the**

July 14, 2022, Council Meeting. The ordinance was approved by motion.
MOTION: Trainor/Samora. Unanimous. Votes were polled.

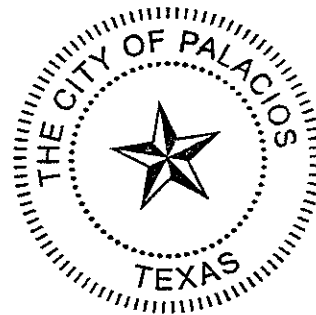
8. **City Council Regular Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2022,** ~ The minutes were reviewed and approved by motion. MOTION: Lewis/Dotson. Unanimous.
9. **City Council Budget Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2022,** ~ The minutes were reviewed and approved by motion. MOTION: Lewis/Dotson. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned by Mayor Gardner at 7:56PM.



Jim Gardner, MAYOR



ATTEST:



David Holubec, CITY SECRETARY