

CITY OF PALACIOS, TEXAS
**PUBLIC HEARING AND REGULAR CITY COUNCIL
MEETING**

MINUTES

September 8, 2022

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A PUBLIC HEARING and SPECIAL City Council meeting was held by the City Council of the City of Palacios on September 8, 2022, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 311 Henderson, Palacios, Texas 77465.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Gardner called the Public Hearing and Special City Council meeting to order at 6:01PM.

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, Absent
Councilmember, Place 4, Troy Lewis, Present
Councilmember Place 3, Chip Woolf, Present
Councilmember, Place 2, Sharon Trainor, Present
Councilmember Place 1, Larry Glenn, Present*

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

*Cynthia Raleigh, City Manager
Tammy McDonald, HR/ Finance
Tobie Bias, Police Chief
Aleigha Galvan, Executive Assistant
Ryan Adams, Code Compliance and Developmental Services
Christy Adams, Public Works Assistant
Stewart Foley, Animal Care Services*

INVOCATION & PLEDGES

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

PUBLIC HEARING ~ Pursuant to Chapter 214, of the Texas Local Government Code, that a hearing before the City Council of the City of Palacios, Texas, shall be held on September 8, 2022, at 6:00PM, in the Council Chambers at 311 Henderson Ave., Palacios, Texas, concerning the proposed budget and proposed tax rate for FY 2022-23.

- i. Joe Monk~ Chairperson for Planning and Zoning~ speaks about his concerns regarding the current proposed budget.*
- ii. Mayor Gardner closed the public hearing at 6:07PM*

PROCLAMATION:

- i. Mayor Jim Gardner recognized the Palacios High School Alumni Reunion that was to be held the following weekend. Mayor Gardner read the proclamation and asked anyone who was present that may be Palacios Alumni to come to the front to pose for a photo. Among those that were recognized were Council Member Larry Glenn, Allen Morrison Sr., and Sydney "Sissy" Holder.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- i. Mayor's Announcements ~ Mayor Garner spoke about the importance of council meetings and encouraged more people to attend future meetings and get involved.*
- ii. Council Member's Announcements ~ none*

CITIZEN COMMUNICATION FORUM: ~ None

CLOSED/ EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- i. Pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074, to discuss hires, dismissals, resignations, and other personnel matters regarding the roles and responsibilities of City Council regarding the City Manager. Council went into Executive Session at 6:12PM*

RECONVENE TO OPEN / REGULAR SESSION

- a. City Council shall reconvene in Open Session and may discuss, consider, and take possible action on any item listed above that was considered and discussed in Executive/Closed Session (If necessary). *Council returned from Executive/Closed Session at 6:28PM and Mayor Garner announced that Cynthia Raleigh would no longer be on a probationary period and that she would officially be the City Manager.*

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS~ OLD BUSINESS

1. Ratify Off-Season Pool Agreement with YMCA. *Councilwoman Sharon Trainor asked questions about the payment process and City Manager Cynthia Raleigh answered. Approved by motion. Motion: Dotson/ Woolf. Unanimous.*
2. Minutes - August 18, 2022- Special City Council Meeting.
3. Minutes - August 25, 2022- Regular City Council Meeting
4. Minutes – September 1, 2022 – Special City Council Meeting
 - a. Item numbers 2, 3, and 4 were placed together all in one vote. Approved by motion. Motion: Lewis/ Dotson. Unanimous.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:

5. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-T-11 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget
 - a. *Mayor Gardner read the ordinance and a roll call vote was done. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILWOMAN SAMORA'S ABSENCE, MOTION WAS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.*
6. ORDINANCE NO. 2022-T-12 – Adoption of the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Tax Rate.
 - a. *Councilmember Woolf motioned that the property tax rate be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of 0.72277, which is effectively a 0.049 decrease in the tax rate. Which means that Maintenance and Operations on a \$100,000 home will change by approximately -\$4.90. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF COUNCILWOMAN SAMORA'S ABSENCE.*

ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION: Woolf/ Lewis
Adjourned by Mayor Gardner at 6:49PM.*

Jim Gardner, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Cynthia Raleigh, MBA, CPM City Manager