



GLEN SMITH – Mayor  
 JOHNNY TRAN – Councilmember Place 1  
 DONNA HARVEY SCHULMAN – Councilmember Place 2  
 MARY CROCKER – Councilmember Place 3  
 TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 4  
 WAYNE DODD – Councilmember Place 5  
 STEPHEN MCGOVERN – Councilmember Place 6

**CITY OF PALACIOS  
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
 August 25, 2020**

**VIDEO CONFERENCE OPEN REGULAR MEETING 7PM**

Notice is hereby given in accordance with order of the Office of the Governor issued March 16, 2020, the City Council of the City of Palacios will conduct a Regular Council Meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm on Tuesday, August 25, 2020, located in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 311 Henderson Avenue, Palacios, TX, by video conference in order to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called “social distancing”) to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). There will be no public access to the location described above.

This Notice and Meeting Agenda, and the Agenda Packet, are posted online at <https://cityofpalacios.org>

The web site to participate in the video conference meeting hosted through Zoom is: <https://zoom.us/j/83606789567>

A recording of the video conference will be made and will be available to the public in accordance with the Open Meetings Act upon written request.

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

INVOCATION – Councilmember Dotson

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Crocker

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Crocker

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Crocker

**VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM –**

There were none.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

1. City Manager’s Report for July 2020

**ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED**

1. Discuss and consider approving the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-4 amending Chapter 2 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios, Texas to add various definitions; to add activities involving animals that are a nuisance; add restrictions on feral cats; to add procedures for the adoption of impounded dogs and cats; to regulate the keeping large animals; to regulate bee keeping.  
 Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-4  
 Councilmember Lewis seconded  
 Councilmember Schulman requested to include in the minutes that she would vote to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-4 but she does not agree with being fined for having more than 5 (five) cats.  
 The motion carried
2. Discuss and consider approving the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-10 adding Section A2.04.007 of Appendix “A” and Chapter 2 “Impoundment”, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios, Texas to add the charges for adoption of impounded animals.  
 Mayor Smith motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-10  
 Councilmember Crocker seconded

There was no opposition

With no opposition, the motion carried

3. Discuss and consider approving the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-9 amending Chapter 1, Section 1.05.003, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios, Texas to apply processing fees to payments made to the City of Palacios and to add the amount of the fee to Appendix A of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios.  
Councilmember Schulman motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-9  
Councilmember Lewis seconded  
There was no opposition  
With no opposition, the motion carried
4. Discuss and consider approving the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-11 adding Section A1.05.003 to Appendix "A" Chapter 1 "General Provisions", of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios, Texas to add the amount of Credit/Debit Card Processing fees as provided in Section A1.05.003 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Palacios.  
Councilmember Lewis motioned to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2020-O-11  
Councilmember Schulman seconded  
There was no opposition  
With no opposition, the motion carried
5. Discuss and consider approving the refinancing of the 2011 Certificate of Obligation  
Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve the refinancing of the 2011 Certificate of Obligation  
Councilmember Schulman seconded  
There was no opposition  
With no opposition, the motion carried
6. Discuss and consider approving the removal of Cathryn Gafford and Steven McGovern as an authorized signor for First Financial Bank and add Beverley Longoria and Michael Dotson as authorized users.  
Councilmember Schulman motioned to approve the removal of Cathryn Gafford and Steven McGovern as an authorized signor for First Financial Bank and add Beverley Longoria and Michael Dotson as authorized users.  
Mayor Smith seconded  
There was no opposition  
With no opposition, the motion carried
7. Discuss and consider approving the contract with the Matagorda County Elections Officer for the 2020 General Election.  
Mayor Smith motioned to approve the contract with the Matagorda County Elections Officer for the 2020 General Election  
Councilmember Crocker seconded  
There was no opposition  
With no opposition, the motion carried
8. Discuss and consider passing a proposal to adopt a tax rate for 2020 and schedule a meeting on September 15, 2020 to adopt a tax rate.  
Mayor Smith motioned to pass a proposal to adopt a tax rate for 2020 and schedule a meeting on September 15, 2020 to adopt a tax rate  
Councilmember Crocker seconded  
Councilmember Schulman voted yes  
Councilmember Crocker voted yes  
Mayor Smith voted yes  
Councilmember Lewis voted yes  
Councilmember Dodd voted yes  
Councilmember Dotson voted yes  
The motion carried
9. Discuss and consider scheduling a Public Hearing at 6pm on September 8, 2020 for citizen's comments on the proposed 2020 tax rate.  
Councilmember Crocker motioned to schedule a public hearing at 6pm on September 8, 2020 for citizen's comments on the proposed 2020 tax rate  
Mayor Smith seconded  
Councilmember Schulman voted yes  
Councilmember Crocker voted yes  
Mayor Smith voted yes  
Councilmember Lewis voted yes  
Councilmember Dodd voted yes  
Councilmember Dotson voted yes


- The motion carried
10. Discuss and consider scheduling a Public Hearing at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2020 for citizen's comments on the proposed 2020-2021 budget.  
 Mayor Smith motioned to schedule a public hearing at 6:30 pm on September 8, 2020 for citizen's comments on the proposed 2020-2021 budget.  
 Councilmember Crocker seconded  
 Councilmember Schulman voted yes  
 Councilmember Crocker voted yes  
 Mayor Smith voted yes  
 Councilmember Lewis voted yes  
 Councilmember Dodd voted yes  
 Councilmember Dotson voted yes  
 The motion carried
11. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:  
 Minutes of the August 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting  
 Excuse the absence of Councilmember Tran from the August 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting  
 Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve the consent agenda items  
 Councilmember Lewis seconded  
 There was no opposition  
 With no opposition, the motion carried

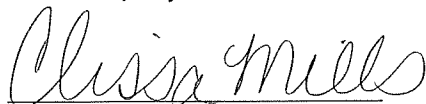
**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - There was no executive session.

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)

**ADJOURN**

Councilmember Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 pm  
 Councilmember Dodd seconded  
 There was no opposition  
 With no opposition, the motion carried

  
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 Glen Smith, Mayor

  
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 Clissa Mills, City Secretary

