GLEN SMITH – Mayor
JOHNNY TRAN –Councilmember Place 1
JUDY CHAVEZ – Councilmember Place 2
MARY CROCKER – Councilmember Place 3
TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 4
ANDY ERDELT – Councilmember Place 5
STEPHEN MCGOVERN – Councilmember Place 6

CITY OF PALACIOS
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 23, 2018

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pro Tem Johnny Tran
INVOCATION – Councilmember Crocker
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Tran
PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Tran
PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Tran

COUNCILMEMBER ABSENT: Glen Smith, Judy Chavez, Andy Erdelt
CITY STAFF PRESENT: David Kocurek, Chief Miles, Tammy McDonald, Clissa Mills

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM- Joe Pena Jr. spoke about Police Dept in regards to minor traffic citations, illegal gambling, and drug trafficking. Patricia Loving thanked the City for updating the website and welcomed the new City Secretary. Also thanked the Treasurer for updating the calendars, reports, and financial statements. Also discussed road repair budget in the first quarter.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Palacios Pavilion Project- David Kocurek stated that he has a meeting on Thursday regarding completion of the project. The entire Pavilion should be completed by the end of February. Also discussed paving the parking lot.
2. May 5, 2018 Election – David Kocurek stated that the deadline for accepting applications to file for a place on the ballot is February 16, 2018. He stated that the Mayor's position and Council Seats 1,2, &6 will be on the ballot. He also introduced the City Secretary, Clissa Mills.
3. 2018 City of Palacios Calendars – David Kocurek stated that the 2018 city calendars should be available tomorrow for a donation of $25.00.
4. Winter Texan Chili Supper – David Kocurek stated the event was held last Thursday at Serendipity. The event served good food and had a great turn out as well.
5. Chamber Annual Banquet – February 15, 2018 - David Kocurek stated that the city will have a table for this event and to see the City Secretary for tickets. He also stated the guest speaker is Jim McInvale.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and approve the second reading of Ordinance 2018-O-01 granting an increase in the Municipal Judge's Salary to $32,000.00 a year and the Associate Municipal Judge's Salary to $12.00 per hour
   Councilmember Tran motioned to approve the Ordinance 2018-O-01
   Councilmember Lewis seconded
   There was no opposition
   With no opposition, the motion carried.
2. Discuss and consider action to approve a requirement that all current and future employees must be direct deposit into employee's bank account effective March 1, 2018.
   Councilmember McGovern motioned to approve that direct deposit is required for all current and future employees as of March 1, 2018.
   Councilmember Crocker seconded
   There was no opposition
   With no opposition, the motion carried.

3. Discuss and consider action to approve the Financial Statement as of December 31, 2017 as presented by City Treasurer.
   Councilmember McGovern motioned to approve the Financial Statement as of December 31, 2017.
   Councilmember Crocker seconded
   There was no opposition
   With no opposition, the motion carried.
4. Discuss and consider action to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2017 as presented by City Treasurer.
   Councilmember Lewis motioned to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as of December 31, 2017.
   Councilmember Tran seconded
   There was no opposition
   With no opposition, the motion carried.
5. Discuss and consider approving Memorandum of Understanding between Matagorda County and Partners for the Communication Tower Lease.
   Councilmember Crocker motioned to approve the Memorandum of Understanding
   Councilmember Lewis seconded
   There was no opposition
   With no opposition, the motion carried.
6. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
   a) Minutes of the January 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
   b) Excuse the absence of Johnny Tran on January 9, 2018 Regular Council Meeting
   Councilmember McGovern motioned to approve the Regular Council Meeting minutes for January 9, 2018 and to excuse Councilmember Tran's absence on January 9, 2018 meeting
   Councilmember Crocker seconded
   There was no opposition
   With no opposition, the motion carried

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURN
Councilmember Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM
Councilmember Tran seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried.

Glen Smith

Glen Smith, Mayor

Clissa Mills

Clissa Mills, City Secretary

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