



LINH CHAU – Mayor
 LARRY GLENN – Councilmember Place 1
 DONNA HARVEY SCHULMAN – Councilmember Place 2
 MARY CROCKER – Councilmember Place 3
 TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 4
 WAYNE DODD – Councilmember Place 5
 MICHAEL DOTSON – Councilmember Place 6

**CITY OF PALACIOS
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 January 12, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING 6:30 pm

Mayor Chau opened the public hearing at 6:30pm.

A public hearing was held regarding the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program grant to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of funding available, and all eligible TxCDBG activities, and the use of past TxCDBG funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this application and to make their views known at this public hearing.

1. Sylvia with Grantworks discussed the next phase of the project with Council.
2. Patricia Loving expressed her concern over the sidewalks downtown and would also like a project manager to oversee the next phase of the project.

Mayor Chau closed the public hearing at 6:44 pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 7PM

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Chau 7pm

INVOCATION – Councilmember Dodd

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Dotson

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Dotson

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Dotson

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM

1. Jennifer Chau introduced herself as the 2021 Texas Elite Miss US Agriculture and hopes to spread awareness of agriculture in the community.

2. Patricia Loving read a letter from the Social Justice Committee and Palacios Community Conversation regarding the hiring of a new police chief, Milton Rivera. She also discussed reviewing the hiring process by the City Manager in the City Charter. She commented on Chief Rivera's presentation to Council, the nomination of a candidate to fill a vacancy on the MCAD Board of Directors, and the City's Fraud Prevention Policy.

3. Joel Paniagua spoke to Council about his support for the new Chief of Police, Milton Rivera. He told Council that no one is perfect, we all make mistakes, and that the former accusations against Milton Rivera were dismissed without any charges.

4. Rose Johns spoke to Council about her lack of support for the new Chief of Police, Milton Rivera. She said that a Chief of Police should be perfect and that he didn't train our police officers properly.

5. Larry Glenn defended the new Police Chief, Milton Rivera, stating that he just started working for the City of Palacios last week and did not train the officers who currently work for the City of Palacios.

6. Sharon Trainor discussed the water rate increase ordinance that was passed by City Council and thought that they voted to increase the rates based on incorrect information.

PRESENTATIONS - Police Chief Milton Rivera presented his vision in developing new programs for the Police Department and the community.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. January 13, 2021 is the first day to file an application for a place on the ballot for the May 1, 2021 General Election.
2. Council discussed nominating a candidate to serve for the remaining 1 year on Mr. John Connor's two year term to the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-1 approving and reaffirming a funds balance policy for the city in accordance with GASB Statement 54 Requirements; and providing for the effective date thereof.
Councilmember Schulman motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-1
Councilmember Lewis seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
2. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-2 approving and adopting a fraud prevention and detection policy for the city and providing for the effective date thereof.
Councilmember Crocker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-2
Councilmember Glenn seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
3. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-3 adopting an investment policy and providing for the effective date thereof.
Councilmember Schulman motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-3
Councilmember Crocker seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
4. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-4 designating a professional engineering firm for the 2021-2022 TxCDBG Community Development Fund application and project implementation, administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture.
Councilmember Crocker motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-4
Councilmember Dodd seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
5. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-5 designating a professional engineering firm for the 2021 Texas Capital fund Downtown Revitalization/Main Street Program of the Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) Program for application and project implementation.
Councilmember Schulman motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-5
Councilmember Dotson seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
6. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-6 ordering a General Election to be held May 1, 2021 to elect the position of three Council Members, once each for Place 3, Place 4, and Place 5.
Councilmember Lewis motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-6
Councilmember Dotson seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried

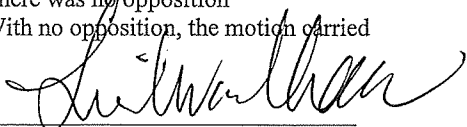
7. Discuss and consider approving the first reading of Ordinance 2021-O-01 which updates and revises the Flood Damage Prevention Regulations of the city to conform with current FEMA requirements
Councilmember Dodd motioned to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2021-O-01
Councilmember Dotson seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
8. Discuss and consider removing and adding new signers for First Financial Bank.
Councilmember Crocker motioned to remove and add new signers for First Financial Bank
Councilmember Dodd seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried
9. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
Minutes of the December 8, 2020 Regular Council Meeting
Approve the absence of Councilmember Dodd from the December 8, 2020 council meeting
Minutes of the December 14, 2020 Special Council Meeting
Councilmember Schulman motioned to approve the consent agenda items
Councilmember Lewis seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION

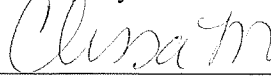
In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, (Open Meetings Law) the Council May go into Executive (closed) session in order to:
Consult with its attorney (551.071)
Discuss Real Estate transaction (551.072)
Deliberation regarding prospective gifts or donation (551.073)
Discuss personnel matters (551.074)
Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)
Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087)

ADJOURN

Councilmember Dodd motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 pm
Councilmember Lewis seconded
There was no opposition
With no opposition, the motion carried



Linh Chau, Mayor



Clissa Mills, City Secretary

