



LINH CHAU – Mayor
 LARRY GLENN – Councilmember Place 1
 JIM GARDNER – Councilmember Place 2
 CHIP WOOLF – Councilmember Place 3
 TROY LEWIS – Councilmember Place 4
 RAYLYNN SAMORA – Councilmember Place 5
 MICHAEL DOTSON – Councilmember Place 6

**CITY OF PALACIOS
 CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
 NOVEMBER 9, 2021**

PUBLIC HEARING 6pm

The City of Palacios Charter Review Commission held a public hearing to receive Citizens' comments regarding the current Home Rule Charter. Chairperson Gary Hafernick opened the public hearing at 6pm. He spoke to Council about the commission's revisions to the charter at length. Council decided that the commission did not present clear amendments.

Gary Hafernick closed the public hearing at 6:14 pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6pm

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Chau 6:15 pm

INVOCATION – Councilmember Woolf

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Lewis

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Lewis

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Lewis

VISITOR / CITIZEN FORUM – Any person with city related business may speak to City Council. Speakers must sign in and complete a registration form and give it to the City Secretary no later than 10 minutes prior to the start of the council meeting. All speakers will be limited to three (3) minutes.

1. Mayor Chau acknowledged appreciation for all Veteran's in honor of Veteran's Day.
2. Cathy Wakefield asked permission for a prescribed burn at the Wetlands to. This will be an agenda item at the next council meeting.
3. Gary Hafernick discussed flooding on Beecher Street.
4. Cha'e Neimeyer talked about a wellness check on her father by the Police Department in September.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. Monthly Financial Report – Tammy McDonald, Treasurer discussed 2 grants the city received. The Downtown Revitalization Grant and the HGAC Recycle Grant.
2. Proposed Plan for Smoke Testing – Vaughn Dierlam, Acting City Manager, said that smoke testing should begin on December 19th on Perryman.
3. Thanksgiving Lunch at City Hall November 18th at Noon – please bring a side dish or dessert

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider approving a service agreement with Bureau Veritas North America, Inc.
 Councilmember Glenn motioned to approve a service agreement with Bureau Veritas North America.
 Councilmember Dotson seconded
 With no opposition, the motion carried
2. Discuss and consider appointing Matthew Baker as a Board Commissioner to the Palacios Housing Authority.
 Councilmember Glenn motioned to appoint Matthew Baker as a Board Commissioner to the Palacios Housing Authority

- Councilmember Dotson seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
3. Discuss and consider adopting Resolution 2021-R-27 approving the submission of the grant application for the Operation Lone Star grant to the Office of the Governor.
Councilmember Gardner motioned to adopt Resolution 2021-R-27 as stated
Councilmember Dotson seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
 4. Discuss and consider approving the City of Palacios Procurement Policies and Procedures.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to approve the City of Palacios Procurement Policies and Procedures.
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
 5. Discuss and consider appointing two (2) citizens to assist in the hiring process of a new City Manager.
Councilmember Troy motioned to appoint Edith Gower and Polly Hearn to assist in the hiring process of a new City Manager
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
 6. Discuss and consider approving the use of funds from the American Rescue Act for smoke testing and sewer repairs.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to table this item
Councilmember Dotson seconded
This item was tabled.
 7. Discuss and consider approving the use of funds from the American Rescue Act for a new backhoe purchased from Mustang Cat for the Public Works Department for the smoke testing and sewer repair project.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to approve the use of funds from the American Rescue Act as stated
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
 8. Discuss and consider approving the use of funds from the American Rescue Act for premium pay for essential employees at a set rate of \$2.00 per hour worked excluding holidays, vacations, training, overtime, or special assignments.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to approve the use of funds from the American Rescue Act as stated excluding overtime
Councilmember Gardner seconded
YES - 5
NO - 2
The motion carried
 9. Discuss and consider approving the use of funds from the American Rescue Act to move the police department dispatch location from Commerce to Henderson.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to table this item
Councilmember Samora seconded
YES - 6
NO - 1
This item was tabled
 10. Discuss and consider approving the use of funds from the American Rescue Act for upgrades to city parks.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to approve the use of funds from the American Rescue Act as stated
Councilmember Glenn seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried
 11. Discuss and consider approving the proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter as suggested by the Charter Review Committee.
Councilmember Gardner motioned to table this item
Councilmember Lewis seconded
With no opposition, the item was tabled
 12. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
Minutes of the October 26, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Approve the absence Mayor Chau from the regular council meeting on October 26, 2021
Councilmember Dotson motioned to approve the consent agenda items as stated
Councilmember Samora seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried

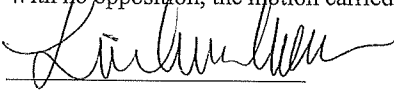
In accordance with Chapter 551, Government Code, (Open Meetings Law) the Council
May go into Executive (closed) session in order to:
Consult with its attorney (551.071) -
Discuss Real Estate transaction (551.072) -
Deliberation regarding prospective gifts or donation (551.073)
Discuss personnel matters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

ADJOURN

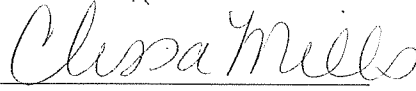
Councilmember Samora motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56

Councilmember Dotson seconded

With no opposition, the motion carried.



Linh Chau, Mayor



Clissa Mills, City Secretary

