



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
 OCTOBER 12, 2021**

COUNCIL WORKSHOP 5PM

Mayor Chau opened the workshop at 5:10 pm. Council discussed the use of funds from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (American Rescue Act). Mayor Chau closed the workshop at 5:50 pm.

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING 6pm

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Chau 6pm

INVOCATION – Councilmember Samora

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Councilmember Dotson

PLEDGE TO TEXAS FLAG – Councilmember Dotson

PLEDGE TO PALACIOS FLAG – Councilmember Dotson

PROCLAMATION – City Secretary, Clissa Mills read a proclamation to proclaim the month of October 2021 as Domestic Violence Awareness month in Palacios. Mayor Chau presented the proclamation to Amairani Garcia from the Crisis Center.

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. David Eiseman discussed unrestrained animals in the City of Palacios.
2. Cynthia Garrett invited Council to the Harvest Moon Dinner and Dance on October 23, 2021.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

1. City Manager's Report – September 2021 – Vaughn Dierlam, Acting City Manager, reviewed the report with council.

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED

1. Discuss and consider action to appoint someone to fill the vacant Council Position #2 until the term expires in May 2022.
 Councilmember Glenn motioned to appoint Jim Gardner to Council Position #2
 Councilmember Lewis seconded
 The motion carried
2. Discuss and consider action to approve a contract with Infiniti Communications Technologies in the amount of \$3,886.00 for the installation of a new phone system for the City of Palacios and \$679.94 for monthly service.
 Councilmember Glenn motioned to approve a contract with Infiniti Communications as stated
 Councilmember Woolf seconded
 The motion carried
3. Discuss and consider action to appoint two (2) citizens to assist in the hiring process of a new City Manager.
 Councilmember Glenn motioned to extend the deadline until November 1, 2021
 Councilmember Dotson seconded
 The motion carried
4. Discuss and consider action to approve a 380 agreement with Wier Development for South Bay Marina.
 Councilmember Glenn motioned to table this item

- Councilmember Dotson seconded
The item was tabled
5. Discuss and consider action to appoint Peter Zamarrippa to the Matagorda County Appraisal District Board of Directors 2022/2023 term.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to nominate Peter Zamarrippa to the MCAD 2022/2023 term
Councilmember Lewis seconded
The motion carried
6. Discuss and consider making an exception to Section 6.09-B of the City of Palacios Personnel Manual to allow employees of the police department to carry over more than 120 vacation hours until June 2022.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to table this item
Councilmember Glenn seconded
The item was tabled
7. Discuss, consider, and approve hiring a construction contractor for the Airport Hangar Project with conditions, or going out for new bids.
Councilmember Dotson motioned to deny hiring a construction contractor for the Airport Hangar Project
Councilmember Samora seconded
YES – 6
NO – 1
The motion carried
8. Discuss and consider action to renew the contract with auditors, Baker and Stogner, for 2020-2021 fiscal year audit.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to renew the contract with Baker and Stogner as stated
Councilmember Dotson seconded
The motion carried
9. Discuss and consider action to revise the rental agreement and use of the Palacios Educational Pavilion to insure compliance between the City of Palacios and the Department of Interior agreement.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to table the item
Councilmember Gardner seconded
The item was tabled
10. Discuss and consider action to adopt Resolution 2021-R-23 designating a professional engineering firm for the Texas Mitigation Assistance program application and project implementation.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to adopt resolution 2021-R-23
Councilmember Lewis seconded
The motion carried
11. Discuss and consider action to initiate of an investigation by the Palacios City Council pursuant to Section 3.10 of the City Charter into the conduct of the offices and/or departments of city manager and building inspector.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to table this item
Councilmember Gardner seconded
The item was tabled
12. Discuss and consider action to approve the following consent agenda items:
Minutes of the September 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Approve the absence of Mayor Chau from the September 28, 2021 Regular Council Meeting
Councilmember Samora motioned to approve the consent agenda items
Councilmember Dotson seconded
The motion carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION - Council adjourned at 7:49 pm

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) -

1. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Acting City Manager, Vaughn Dierlam.
2. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of Special Legal Counsel under section 4.03 Palacios

City Charter.

Deliberation regarding security devices (551.076)
Discuss economic development negotiations (551.087) –

COUNCIL RE-CONVENED AT 8:22 PM

ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

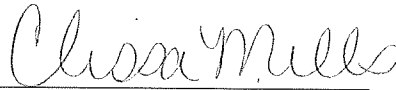
1. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of the Acting City Manager, Vaughn Dierlam.
Councilmember Glenn motioned to increase Vaughn Dierlam's salary by \$1,000 per month
Councilmember Dotson seconded
The motion carried
2. Discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline or dismissal of Special Legal Counsel under section 4.03 Palacios City Charter.
No action was taken

ADJOURN

Councilmember Glenn motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:25
Councilmember Gardner seconded
With no opposition, the motion carried.



Troy Lewis, Mayor Pro Tem



Clissa Mills, City Secretary

