

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, TEXAS
Tuesday June 17, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
113 W. Jefferson St., Palmer, Texas 75152**

MINUTES

Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor Anglin calls the meeting to order.

Invocation and pledge.

Kenneth Bateman gives the invocation and pledge.

Determination of Quorum.

All members present: Mayor Lance Anglin, Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Bateman, Jeff Vick, Dianne Drewery, Tony Roybal, and Greg Penny.

Citizen Forum (2 minutes)- to address only specific current agenda items

None

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under Item 5, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the Mayor/City Administrator to execute all matters necessary to implement each item. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and consideration by any member of the City Council.

- a. Balance Sheets***
- b. May Budget Actuals***
- c. Palmer Police Department Monthly Reports***
- d. Municipal Court Monthly Reports***

Jeff Vick motions to approve the consent agenda, Greg Penny seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding Mr. David Shaheen's request to be late in paying water bill.

Jeff Vick motions to table this item, Dianne Drewery seconds, Greg Penny abstained, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action regarding Ms. Julie Smeltzer's agreement with the council on paying her water bill.

No action will be taken, ordinance will be enforced..

Discussion from Don Huskins and Mary McBurnett and possible action regarding the need for changes in the Master Fee Schedule "multifamily" rates.

Greg Penny motions to suspend the collection of Multi Family rates and table this tem until a complete list can be determined, Kenneth Bateman seconds, Tony Roybal abstained, motion passes.

Break-

Discussion and possible action to waive permit fees for ESD #9 in the construction of the new fire station.

Dianne Drewrey motions to waive the \$4000.00 fee that would be charged to the Ellis County Fire District #9, Kenneth Bateman seconds, Jeff Vick abstained, and motion passes.

Discussion and possible action to confirm historical (1988) agreement between the City of Palmer and the Palmer Cemetery Association that the City of Palmer will mow the cemetery property south of the road along the creek in exchange for a sewer line easement and/or placement of water service to the cemetery for no charge. The confirmation is to authorize the Mayor to sign the necessary documentation of the agreement.

Kenneth Bateman motions to confirm the agreement and have the Public Works Department provide water service up to 2000 gallons a year at no charge, Greg Penny seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding tall grass behind James Branson's property that is part of the Cemetery.

No Action

Discussion and possible action to authorize the Mayor to accept the gift of the land adjacent to the duplexes on West Lamar from Kevin Harper et al upon receipt of a deed to the property.

Kenneth Bateman motions to authorize the Mayor to accept the land contingent upon the cost for the title search is no more than \$500.00, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action on the need for city policy on trimming trees on downtown sidewalks to improve visibility of business owner's signs.

Greg Penny motions to table this item until the city has a chance to consult an arborist, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding insurance/bonding of certain city employees.

Kenneth Bateman motions to accept TML proposal on dishonesty coverage, Greg Penny seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action on schedule and operations plan for the Supplemental Environmental Plan to be submitted to TCEQ.

Greg Penny motions to approve, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action on proposed Performance Evaluation System as required by Palmer's Personnel Policy Chapter 5 Section 1.

Greg Penny motions to accept the Personnel Evaluations with the change of the wording from improved to corrected and employees must do evaluations to receive increases, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action on the plan for salary treatment for next fiscal year and setting a cost of living adjustment if necessary.

Greg Penny motions to grant the 4.96% as the total increase with all city employees not under contract to receive a 2% increase called a cost of living adjustment and the balance going to the above average performers based on supervisory input, Jeff Vick seconds, Tony abstained, motion passed.

Discussion and possible action to provide that after-hours call-outs are always paid as overtime including call-outs during the previous Memorial Day week.

Greg Penny motions to make an amendment to Section 7, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor.

Discussion and possible action regarding proposed schedule for setting 2008-09 Budget and Tax Rate.

No action taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

Tony Roybal motions to adjourn, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor.