

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, TEXAS  
Tuesday March 18, 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.***

Mike Greenlee gives the pledge and invocation.

***Determination of Quorum.***

Member Present: Mayor Lance Anglin, Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Bateman, Joice Price, Mike Greenlee, and Dianne Drewery. **Jeff Vick Absent**

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

A citizen addresses the council about how they are going raise the water bills.

***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. February Budget Actuals***
- c. Minutes of February 19, 2008 and February 29, 2008***
- d. Palmer Police Department Monthly Reports***
- e. Municipal Court Monthly Reports***

Mike Greenlee motions to approve item 5 the consent agenda, Joice Price seconds, all in favor.

***Ted Radosz with Advan Advertising is requesting approval from the council to move the approved billboard originally proposed for the Palmer House Motel to Outdoor Texas Landscape on the east side of the I-45 service rd (address 1601 North I-45).***

Mr. Radosz addresses the council about moving the sign. Kenneth Bateman motions to allow Advan Advertizing to the east side of I-45, Mike Greenlee seconds, Joice Price opposed, motion passes.

***Discussion and possible action regarding the City of Palmer assuming maintenance responsibilities for the PALMER sign.***

Dianne Drewery motions to assume responsibility for the Palmer sign, Joice Price seconds, all in favor.

***Discussion and possible action approving the mayor to sign a Master Plan Preparation Agreement with GrantWorks to begin the process of securing matching funding from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.***

Mike Greenlee motions to authorize the mayor to sign a master park plan agreement with grant works, Joice Price seconds, all in favor.

***Joey Dauben would like to be considered for a position on one of the Palmer boards or commissions.***  
Tommy Baxter explains that has one vacant position, and one alternate opening next month.

***Discussion and possible action regarding water rate increase required due to Rockett Rate Adjustment.***

Doug Young addresses the council about the options that were presented to the council.  
Mike Greenlee motions to have the Mayor & City Administrator go back to Rockett and get justification for rate increase and if justified the council chooses item A for water rate increase, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor.

***Discussion and possible adoption of ordinance regarding changes in the Master Fee Schedule regarding water rates, deposits and reconnect charges to control past due accounts.***

Kenneth Bateman motions to table this item, Dianne Drewery seconds, all in favor

***Discussion and possible adoption of ordinance regarding City of Palmer Monthly Billing Cycle.***

Mike Greenlee motions to table this item, Dianne seconds, all in favor.

***Donna Clark to address the council about review of her formal complaint.***

No action taken.

***Discussion and possible action regarding Interlocal Cooperative Agreement between the County of Ellis and the City of Palmer regarding plat approval jurisdiction in the city's ETJ.***

Mike Greenlee motions to enter into a inter-local agreement to allow the county to approve all plats in the etj, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor.

***Discussion and possible action regarding a request from the PEDC requesting the endorsement of Council for their pursuit of the potential procurement of the Palmer Train Depot, using PEDC funds. The train depot is up for auction.***

This item is brought to the front to be addresses first. Mark Varsel addresses the council about the PEDC to purchase the depot and to turn it over to the Preservation Society. The Palmer Preservation would refurbish the depot with the help of the PEDC as well. Mike Greenlee motions to allow the PEDC to purchase the Palmer Depot as a project, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor.

***Executive Session:***

Dianne motions to move from open session into executive session, Joice seconds, all in favor.

***Motion to move from Open City Council Session into Executive Session pursuant to :***

- a) Section 551.074, Texas Local Government Code to: deliberate the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, of John A. Zaidle.***

Supplemental Agenda Attached and is discussed in Executive Session.

***Motion to move from Executive Session back into Open City Council Session.***

Kenneth motions to move from executive session back into open session, Mike seconds, all in favor.

***Discussion and possible action regarding setting salary and appointment of John A. Zaidle to Chief of Police for the City of Palmer.***

Kenneth Bateman motions to appoint John Zaidle Police Chief with the standard six (6) month probation and to immediately receive the budgeted chief salary, Mike seconds, all in favor.

Supplement Item – Mike Greenlee motions to appoint Mayor Anglin as the representative for Palmer in the court ordered mediation, and in his absence for Doug Young to take his place, Joice Price seconds, all in favor

***ADJOURNMENT***

Joice motions to adjourn, Kenneth seconds, all in favor.