

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING
OF
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALMER, TEXAS
Tuesday September 21, 2010, 6:30 P.M.
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
113 W. Jefferson St., Palmer, Texas 75152**

AGENDA

Mayor calls to order the City Council, meeting jointly with the Palmer Economic Development Corporation, and makes a determination of City Council quorum.

Mayor Anglin calls the meeting to order with the Palmer Economic Development Cooperation.

PEDC members present: Mark Varsel, John Templer, Kim Jansonious, and Lance Anglin.

Council members present: Mayor Lance Anglin, Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Bateman, Dianne Drewery, Jeff Vick, Jeffery Greenlee and **Absent-Chris Ivie**

Chairman calls to order the Palmer Economic Development Corporation, meeting jointly with the City Council, and makes a determination of quorum.

Chairman Mark Varsel calls the PEDC meeting to order with the City Council.

Invocation and Pledge.

Mrs. Gabor gives the invocation followed by the pledge.

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

John Zaidle gives information about the National Night Out for the Palmer Police Department.

PEDC agenda items

a. Report on PEDC accomplishments for 2009-2010.

Rockett water, tax refunds, and exemptions from franchise taxes, and the potential project at the Waste Water Treatment Plant the PEDC is going to help the City of Palmer with.

b. Discussion and approval of proposed 2010-2011 PEDC budget.

Lance Anglin motions to approve the PEDC budget, John Templer seconds, all in favor, motion passes

c. Discussion and approval of proposed PEDC project for 2010-2011.

Lance Anglin motions to approve the project as amended by MLA Consulting, John Templer seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under item 6, 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. August 31, 2010 Actuals

c. Minutes for Approval

i. August 17, 2010

ii. August 24, 2010

iii. September 14, 2010

d. Municipal Court Monthly reports.

e. Palmer Police Department Monthly Reports.

f. Public Works Monthly Report.

g. Authorization to have the City Administrator sign the engagement letter for Yeldell, Wilson & Co. to perform the yearly Audit for 2009-2010.

Jeff Vick motions to approve the consent agenda as presented, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action regarding items from PEDC joint meeting.

Kenneth Bateman motions to approve the PEDC budget and the project for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the City of Palmer, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action approving ordinance for new rates for Atmos Energy Corporation.

Jeff Vick motions to approve the Ordinance 994 for new rates for Atmos Energy, Dianne seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action with regard to negotiation with Rockett SUD over providing water service to the proposed Palmer Hill Estates.

Kenneth motions to table this item, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action with regard to a potential bond election (Dauben).

A representative from First Southwest Company explains the process of a bond election and the impact it would have.

Discussion and possible action to standardize to a single type of culvert for drainage.

No action.

Discussion and possible action with regard to culvert replacement when culvert is properly placed but does not allow water to flow for some reason.

No action.

Motion to recess City Council Meeting and move into Board of Adjustment Meeting

Jeff Vick motions to recess City Council meeting and move into Board of Adjustments meeting, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

A) Open Board of Adjustment Meeting.

Lance Anglin calls the meeting to order.

B) Determination of Quorum.

Members present: Lance Anglin, Jeff Vick, Kenneth Bateman, Dianne Drewery and Jeffery Greenlee.

C) Public Hearing on application of Sue Schmidt requesting a grant of variance from the 80% masonry construction requirement of the Zoning Ordinance in connection with the construction of a new Garage to be located on owner's tract located at 301 Bluebonnet Ln., City of Palmer, Ellis County, Texas, and further described as Property 168513, 86 Greenacres South, 0.0897 acres by the records of the Ellis County Appraisal District.

D) Open public hearing.

Kenneth Bateman motions to open the public hearing, Dianne seconds, all in favor.

E) Close public hearing.

Kenneth Bateman motions to close the public hearing, Dianne seconds, all in favor.

F) Deliberation.

G) Consider adopting an Order granting the variance.

Jeff Vick motions to grant the Order for the Variance at 301 Bluebonnet Lane, Kenneth seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

H) Motion to adjourn Board of Adjustment meeting.

Kenneth motions to adjourn the Board of Adjustments, Dianne seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Motion to move back in City Council session.

Kenneth motions to move back into City Council session, Dianne seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action authorizing the mayor to sign a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for Texas Community Development Block Grant associated with Planning/Capacity Building Fund in the amount of \$46,515 with the city match of \$4,700. This funding if granted would be part of the 2012/2013 fiscal year.

Dianne motions to authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for Texas Community Development Block Grant associated with Planning/Capacity Building Fund in the amount of \$46,515 with the city match of \$4,700, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action authorizing the mayor to sign a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for Texas Community Development Block Grant associated with improvement to the Wastewater Treat Plant in the amount of \$275,000 with the city match of \$60,500. This funding if granted would be part of the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

Jeff Vick motions to authorize the Mayor to sign a resolution approving the submission of a grant application for Texas Community Development Block Grant associated with improvement to the Wastewater Treat Plant in the amount of \$275,000 with the city match of \$60,500, Dianne seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and action on ordinance amending budget for the fiscal year 2009/2010.

Kenneth Bateman motions to approve Ordinance 995 amending the budget for fiscal year 2009/2010, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Second Public Hearing for Tax Rate.

Kenneth Bateman motions to open the public hearing, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor, motion passes. Dianne motions to close the public hearing, Kenneth Bateman seconds, all in favor, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action to adopt an Ordinance approving and adopting the Budget for the City of Palmer for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011.

Jeff Vick motions to adopt Ordinance 996 adopting the 2010/2011 budget as is with the exception that any expense of \$10,000 or more be brought back to the council for approval, Dianne seconds, Kenneth Bateman opposes, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action to adopt an Ordinance to levy and be assessed a tax for the year 2010 on all taxable property within the City of Palmer.

Dianne motions to adopt Ordinance 997 adopting the tax rate of .629200 for the year 2010 on all taxable property within the City of Palmer

Items of Community Interest

- a) City Administrator***
- b) Council***
- c) Mayor***

ADJOURNMENT.

Dianne motions to adjourn, Mayor accepts.