

**PALM VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
May 23, 2018**

The City Council of the City of Palm Valley met in a Special Meeting on the 23rd day of May 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, Texas. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Mayor Pro Tem Debe Wright

Councilmembers: Julie Martin, Cynthia Thompson, Michael Galvan, Paul Powers

Absent: Mayor George Rivera

City Attorney: Jason Mann
City Secretary: Sylvia R. Trevino

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Pro Tem Wright called the meeting to order.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Led by Mayor Pro Tem Wright.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.074 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT: TO DISCUSS THE EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Open Meetings Act: To discuss the employment status of the Police Chief.

Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright took the votes and the motion carried.

The Executive Session convened at 5:31 p.m. and concluded at 7:29 p.m. with no action taken in closed session.

DISCUSSION HELD AND ACTION TAKEN TO NOT HIRE OUTSIDE COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE MATTERS CONCERNING CITY PERSONNEL AND MANAGEMENT

Councilwoman Thompson stated that she would like to see the Chief exonerated because the Council owes it to the citizens of Palm Valley. Councilwoman Thompson then made a motion to keep the Police Chief on administrative leave and conduct an internal investigation by outside unbiased party and that the investigation be concluded by the next Council meeting.

Councilman Galvan seconded the motion.

Mayor Pro Tem Wright took the votes and the motion carried as follows:

Aye: Thompson, Galvan

Nay: Martin, Powers, Wright

The motion carried 3 against keeping the Chief on administrative leave and hiring an outside unbiased party.

Councilwoman Martin commented that she did not feel there was enough evidence to keep the Chief on administrative leave.

Councilwoman Martin followed with a motion to reinstate the Chief of Police and allow him to resume his regular duties and the internal investigation continue without outside counsel or an outside investigator.

Councilman Powers seconded the motion.

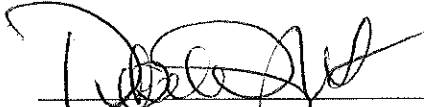
Mayor Pro Tem Wright took the votes and the motion carried as follows:

Aye: Martin, Powers, Wright

Nay: Thompson, Galvan

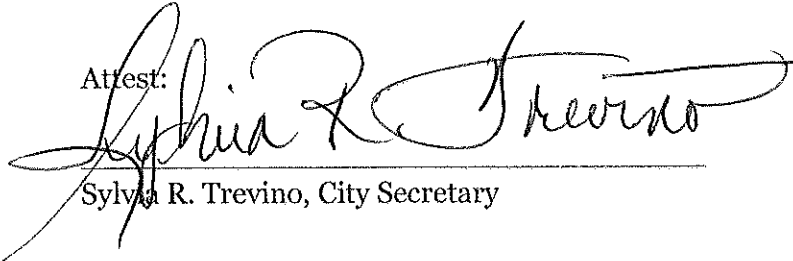
The motion carried 3 to reinstate the Chief of Police and 2 against.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Debe Wright, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:



Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary