

**PALM VALLEY CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 5, 2017**

(this meeting replaced the Regular Meeting of September 19, 2017)

The City Council of the City of Palm Valley met in a Special Meeting on the 5th day of September 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, Texas. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Mayor George Rivera

Councilmembers: John Widger, Debe Wright, Cynthia Thompson, Paul Powers
Julie Martin

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

Staff: Chief A. R. Garcia
Rosendo Flores, Waterworks Supervisor

- 1) CALL TO ORDER**
- 2) PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mayor Rivera.
- 3) PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**
- 4) MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 15, 2017
AND SPECIAL MEETING OF AUGUST 29, 2017**

With only minor comments made, Councilwoman Martin made a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

6) ORDINANCE ADOPTED SETTING A TAX RATE OF \$0.481118/\$100 VALUATION FOR 2017-18

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion that the ordinance be adopted and *that the property tax rate be increased by adoption of a proposed tax rate of \$0.481118/\$100 valuation which is effectively an 8 percent (8%) increase in the tax rate.*

Councilman Powers seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried by the following:
Aye: Thompson, Powers, Widger, Martin, Wright
Nay: None

The vote was unanimous.

5) ORDINANCE ADOPTED ADOPTING THE CITY'S BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Councilman Powers seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

7) ORDINANCE ADOPTED AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2008-4 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 9, 2008 TO INCREASE THE SEWER RATES (PER DRAIN) FROM \$2.00 TO \$2.50

Councilwoman Wright made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

8) CONTRACT APPROVED BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND CITY OF HARLINGEN FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017-18

The contract for the new fiscal year is for \$118,385.29 which is based on \$.10 per \$100.00 of the City's 2017 Certified Appraised Value.

Councilman Powers made a motion to adopt the ordinance as presented.

Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

9) NOMINATION TO THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS AND APPEALS TO FILL EXISTING VACANCY APPROVED

Mayor Rivera stated that if there weren't any other nominations that he would nominate Rick Ledesma to serve as the new member to fill the slot created by Dick Faxon's resignation.

Councilwoman Wright made a motion to approve the nomination.

Councilwoman Martin seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

10) ACTION TAKEN TO CHANGE THE OCTOBER CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Mayor Rivera pointed out that in the absence of the City Secretary on October 17, the City Council could either reschedule or have someone else take the minutes.

After minor discussion on date options, Councilwoman Martin made a motion to change the meeting date of October 17 to October 9, 2017.

Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion.

Mayor Rivera took the votes and the motion carried unanimously by those present.

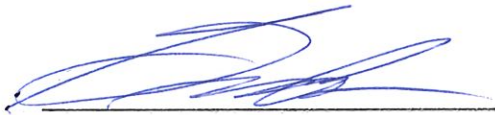
- 11) CONSENT AGENDA:**
A. Police Monthly Report – August 2017
B. Municipal Court Monthly Report – August 2017
C. Council/staff liaison reports

There was some discussion regarding the offense reports dealing with drug paraphernalia. Chief Garcia explained that most of the offenses, as noted, are passersby coming through Palm Valley and he went on to explain they are transferred to County or they are transferred to the La Feria jail in the absence of having a Judge available at the time of the arrest.

Council/staff liaison reports

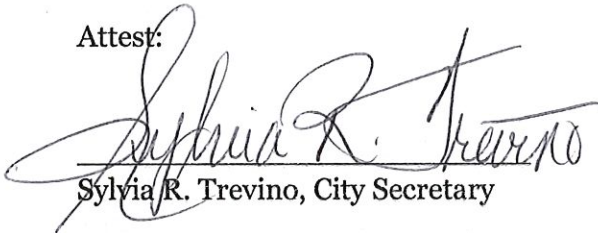
Mayor Rivera thanked Councilwoman Martin for her efforts with the Harvey Relief donation project and he thanked the city staff for their efforts as well in dealing with the distribution of sandbags for the local residents.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Martin and a second by Councilwoman Wright.



George Rivera, Mayor

Attest:



Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary