

PALM VALLEY CITY COUNCIL

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING

MAY 19, 2020

The City Council of the City of Palm Valley met in a Regular Session on the 19th day of May, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, Texas. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

In person:

Mayor George Rivera

Michael Galvan

Eric Hoff

Jerry Wade

VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCING:

Cynthia Thompson

Lisa Taylor

City Attorney: Jason Mann (in person)

City Secretary: Sylvia R. Trevino (in person)

Staff present: Chief A. R. Garcia (in person)

Rosendo Flores, Director of Public Works (in person)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Mayor Rivera.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - The Pledge of Allegiance followed led by Mayor Rivera.
3. **LEGISLATIVE PRAYER** - The Legislative Prayer was led by Mayor Rivera.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

5. MINUTES FOR APPROVAL - FEBRUARY 18, 2020; REGULAR MEETING OF MARCH 17, 2020 AND SPECIAL EMERGENCY MEETING OF APRIL 1, 2020

Councilwoman Taylor provided a written email outlining her corrections to the minutes of March 17, 2020. (the minutes were revised to reflect the corrections).

Councilman Wade made a motion to approve all sets of minutes with the noted corrections to the minutes of March 17, 2020 as noted by Councilwoman Taylor.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

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

6. AUTHORIZATION GIVEN TO REBID THE SEWER PLANT MAINTENANCE PROJECT ON LAKE NO. 3

Mayor Rivera explained that this item had been tabled from the April meeting. There being no questions, Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to authorize the rebidding of the project.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

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

7. CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND THE HARLINGEN HUMANE SOCIETY FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPOUNDING STRAY ANIMALS APPROVED

Mayor Rivera stated that he has been trying to find a solution since last year and now there is an agreement and a process for consideration.

At this time, mostly the officers have been picking up strays and taken straight to the Humane Society.

City Attorney Mann noted that the contract term starts in January and suggested that the contract be revised to reflect an effective date starting in June.

Councilman Hoff asked how are the residents notified when a stray is picked up prior to being transported to the Humane Society. Chief Garcia replied that notification could be given on the NextDoor blog.

Councilman Galvan asked about representation on the Humane Society Board of Directors. The City Secretary will contact the Humane Society and find out.

There being no further discussion, Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the contract.

Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION DISSOLVING AN INTER-JURISDICTIONAL INTENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND THE CITY OF HARLINGEN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS. (tabled from March 17, 2020)**
- B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A JOINT RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY IN THE COUNTY'S INTER-JURISDICTIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN. (tabled from March 17, 2020)**
- C. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2015-3 TITLE XV: LAND USAGE, CHAPTER 150: BUILDING REGULATIONS §2. IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRING BUILDING INSPECTOR'S APPROVAL (L): SOLAR PANELS (tabled from March 17, 2020)**
- D. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PROPOSED RULE 3.334 THAT WILL PROVIDE CLARITY FOR CITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ENTITIES OF ALL SIZES TO RECEIVE THE LOCAL TAX REVENUE FROM ONLINE PURCHASES TO WHICH THEY ARE ENTITLED.(tabled from March 17, 2020)**
- E DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION DENYING THE DISTRIBUTION COST RECOVERY FACTOR (DCRF) APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY AEP.**
- F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE AND ENTER INTO A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT FOR AUDITING PURPOSES WITH CARR RIGGS & INGRAM (CRI CPAs AND ADVISORS)**
- G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION FOR THE COVID-19 PROJECT TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR.**

**H. DISCUSSION REGARDING REQUIRED TRAINING FOR NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS (NIMS)
(tabled from March 17, 2020)**

I. MONTHLY REPORTS

1. Police Monthly Report - February/March/April 2020
(racial profiling report included)
2. Municipal Court Monthly Report -February/March/April 2020
3. Monthly Check Listing - February/March/April 2020
4. Monthly Financial Report - February/March/April 2020
5. Monthly Investment Report - February/March/April 2020
6. Council/liaison Reports

With regards to Item G, Councilman Wade asked what the chances are of the City getting some funding. Chief Garcia replied that, at a minimum, the City could get \$10,000.

Councilwoman Taylor asked what the money will be used for. Mayor Rivera replied that a lot of the money has already been spent in overtime for police officers, police protective equipment, changes to City Hall, supplies, etc. The budget will be unbalanced when the funds are received and it will be necessary to make budget adjustments.

Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

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

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTION 551.072 OF THE TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS ACT; DELIBERATIONS ABOUT REAL PROPERTY FOR USE BY THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY

Councilman Galvan made a motion to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Open Meetings Act: Deliberations about real property for use by the City of Palm Valley.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

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

The Executive Session convened at 6:24 p.m. and concluded at 6:47 p.m. with no action taken in closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m. upon a motion by Councilwoman Taylor and a second by Councilwoman Thompson.

George Rivera, Mayor

Attest:

Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary