



## City takes advantage of a “Once in a Lifetime Opportunity.”

At the June 15<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, Bobby Villarreal, the City’s Financial Advisor from Estrada Hinojosa, once again presented the plan to finance the South Drain Project. The City’s role is to issue the Certificates of Obligation (COs) in order to qualify for the 0% grant through the Texas Water Development Board Flood Infrastructure Fund. Estrada Hinojosa is the Financial Advisor, Norton Rose Fulbright is the Bond Counsel, the purchaser is the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), and the County Drainage District #5 (CCDD#5), under an interlocal agreement, is contractually funding the project.

Palm Valley has received TWDB funding of \$1,417,922 (\$1,347,000 30-year loan at 0% interest and a \$70,922 grant). The entire loan will be paid by CCDD#5 through a contractual interlocal agreement. Palm Valley taxpayers are NOT paying for the South Drain Project.

Stephanie Leibe, attorney and partner with Norton Rose Fulbright, was also present to answer questions on the issuance of the Certificates of Obligation. She confirmed:

- There will be NO liens on the property of Palm Valley taxpayers in relation to the issuance of these COs.
- A lien will be placed on the City drainage utility system revenue for the COs. Not taxpayers. By law we had to set up a process to receive the money from the CCDD5.
- A new Drainage District is not being created; the drainage utility system will operate on behalf of the City.
- Palm Valley taxpayers will not be paying for the debt service.
- By state law, these drainage COs have nothing to do with the May water and sewer bond election.

City records show the topic of drainage, including the South Drain Project, has been discussed in 18 open meetings starting July 16, 2019.





## Drainage Projects Update

The South Drain project funding will be available in August. TWDB will probably take two months to approve the construction documents. Advertising for construction bids is estimated to take six weeks, so construction might start in late fall.



Lake #3 by the sewer plant has had all the silt removed and the plan is to start installing the bulkhead walls in July.

The 4-7 Lake By-Pass and the Papaya to South Drain connection application has been filed and is pending TWDB approval.

## City of Palm Valley Veterans Park

For several years, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board has been discussing a Veterans Park to honor those who served our country in the military. Earlier this year, a site plan on Polo Circle was approved by the Parks and Recreation Board. In May, the City Council approved the plan and in early June, the Request for Proposals was sent to five contractors. When negotiations are complete, we will have a better idea of when construction might begin.

The plan includes a flagpole with a solar powered light, a concrete memorial pedestal stand with a bronze plaque and bronze military seals, cement and paver sidewalks, concrete bench and table, and ADA parking. It was designed to be a quiet place for reflection and remembering those who served.

The Board is working on a plan for a brick paver and bench fundraising effort. The plan is to solicit donations as a tribute to honor friends and family that served our country in the military. Further details will be available once the City Council gives its final approval of the project.

Next Park & Recreation Board meeting will be held at City Hall and through Zoom on Wednesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021 @ 6 P.M. (Tentative)

## City Hall

City Hall is open to the public. Masks are optional. Our staff is available to issue permits, take water or citation payments. 24-hour drop box is still available and mail or email is still an option.

City Council meetings are open to public with limited seating capacity. Meetings will still be conducted on Zoom for the public.

## Building Permits

*“There shall be no construction or erection of any type of structure or manufacture of any kind, temporary or permanent, without obtaining a building permit from the City. Every person or entity shall make application for a building permit prior to the commencement of any type or kind of construction of any nature within the City and shall pay, therefore, the fees established. A permit shall be obtained if any existing structure is remodeled or rebuilt which involves any structural changes or additions to said structure” (excerpt from the Building Regulations ordinance)*

The entire building regulations ordinance is located on the City’s website at [www.palmvalleytx.com](http://www.palmvalleytx.com) in the Ordinances link at the top of the home page: “View Code” then click on Chapter 150.

## Water Department

Please read flyer included with this newsletter regarding system maintenance.

## Municipal Court

Municipal court settings are still being held through Zoom until further notice.





## Upcoming Holidays and Events

Independence Day – Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
(City Hall will be closed Monday, July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021)

Parents Day – Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Friendship Day – Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

National Aviation Day – Thursday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Senior Citizens Day – Saturday, August 21, 2021

## REMINDER

City of Palm Valley and the Harlingen Country Club are hosting a 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration on Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. Come join us for good food, music, and fun!



## THE COUNCIL

Mayor: George Rivera

Mayor Pro-Tem: Michael Galvan

Councilmembers: Lisa Taylor, Jerry Wade, Cynthia Thompson and Eric Hoff.

City Hall: 423-8384

Municipal Court: 423-8384

Police DPT: 873-1500

Water Services: 423-4040

City's Website: [www.palmvalleytx.com](http://www.palmvalleytx.com)

The next regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, 2021 at 6:00 P.M at City Hall and via Zoom.



HAPPY  
*Independence*  
4<sup>th</sup> JULY Day





## HARLINGEN WATERWORKS SYSTEM

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June 7, 2021

RE: Planned Temporary Change in Treatment Method

Dear Valued Wholesale Customer:

Please be advised that on July 1, 2021, HWWS will perform system maintenance to recondition the water network that delivers water to your system.

Normally, HWWS treats water with a combination of chlorine and ammonia. Between July 1, 2021 and July 30, 2021, HWWS will use chlorine only (without ammonia) to restore the efficiency of the normal treatment process. You may notice mild discoloration or odor not usually present in your water. Be assured that this discoloration or odor is not harmful, but precautions must be taken for equipment or processes that may be sensitive to chlorine.

This temporary change in treatment is commonly performed in many public water systems throughout the United States, and it is encouraged by our regulatory agencies to restore optimal disinfection performance. We anticipate the likelihood of performing this routine maintenance annually but be assured we will notify all critical customers well in advance.

On July 30, 2021, HWWS will return to the usual method of treating your water. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this process, please refer to [www.hwws.com](http://www.hwws.com) for a Q&A or feel free to call to call me directly at 440-6582

Respectfully,  
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