

**PALM VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
December 8, 2020**

The City Council of the City of Palm Valley met in a Special Meeting on the 8th day of December 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 1313 N. Stuart Place Road, Palm Valley, Texas. Council members attended in person. (ZOOM videoconferencing was available for the public).

Council members present:

Mayor George Rivera

Councilman Eric Hoff

Councilman Michael Galvan

VIA ZOOM

Councilwoman Lisa Taylor

Councilwoman Cynthia Thompson

Councilman Jerry Wade

Jason Mann, City Attorney (In person)

City Secretary: Sylvia R. Trevino (in person)

Staff present: Chief A. R. Garcia

Elsa Guajardo, Support Services Aide

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 guest, Victor Leal.

At this time, Mayor Rivera referred to the new ZOOM video/audio system that was installed in the Council Chambers. Considering that there might not be an end to ZOOM meetings, he noted this is the best way to hold these meetings with cameras, a TV monitor, and microphones.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None
5. **RESOLUTION APPROVED SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE POSSIBLE CREATION OF A DRAINAGE UTILITY SYSTEM FOR THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.**

Mayor Rivera noted that this item and the one that follows authorizes that public hearings be held on January 19, 2021.

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the resolution.

Councilman Galvan seconded the motion.

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

**6. RESOLUTION APPROVED SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING WITH RESPECT TO THE ADOPTION OF A DRAINAGE UTILITY CHARGES WITHIN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY, TEXAS, AND AUTHORIZING PUBLICATION OF NOTICE THEREOF.**

Mayor Rivera noted a change to Item A-2 in the resolution and explained that the proposed charges are subject to change. He will have a more exact figure on January 19. He added that the charges can be decreased but they can not be increased. No resident will pay more than the \$24.00 on their water bill.

These charges will be adjusted accordingly for their adoption on January 19, 2020.

Councilman Hoff questioned the recreational category. Mayor Rivera replied that this applies to the Harlingen Country Club. They are the only recreational unit in Palm Valley. The Club is not considered a commercial unit.

Councilman Galvan made a motion to approve the resolution.

Councilman Hoff seconded the motion.

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

**7. APPROVAL GIVEN TO ADVERTISE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR ENGINEERING, BOND COUNSEL AND FINANCIAL ADVISOR SERVICES FOR PROPOSED UTILITY SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND OTHER FUTURE WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS AND DRAINAGE PROJECTS AS PER TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD REQUIREMENTS.**

It was noted that these publications will appear in the Valley Morning Star on December 15 and again on December 18. RFQs will be due on January 11, 2021.

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to authorize the publication of the RFQs.

Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion.

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

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. upon a motion by Councilman Hoff and a second by Councilman Galvan.

  
George Rivera, Mayor

Attest:  
  
Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary