

**PALM VALLEY CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 16, 2021**

The City Council of the City of Palm Valley met in a Regular Meeting on the 16th day of February 2021 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 Jerry Wade

Councilman Michael Galvan

VIA ZOOM

Councilwoman Lisa Taylor

Councilwoman Cynthia Thompson

Absent: Councilman Eric Hoff

Jason Mann, City Attorney (Via Zoom)

City Secretary: Sylvia R. Trevino (in person)

Staff present (all in person):

Chief A. R. Garcia

Rosendo Flores, Director of Public Works

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 Mayor Rivera.

**ACTION TAKEN TO ENTER INTO A TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (GRANTOR) AND THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY (GRANTEE) GRANTING THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY TO GO ONTO THE GRANTOR'S EASEMENT FOR THE SEGMENT OF THE NORTH MAIN DRAINAGE THAT IS PIPED BETWEEN PALM VALLEY DRIVE SOUTH AND PALM VALLEY DRIVE WEST FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES.**

**ACTION TAKEN TO ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE NORTH MAIN DRAIN PROJECT.**

At this time, Mayor Rivera asked the City Attorney, Jason Mann if he had reviewed the two agreements that are on the agenda and if he agreed that all was in order. Mr. Mann replied yes and stated that he was going to have to leave the meeting due a situation at home.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – None
5. **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL – REGULAR MEETING OF JANUARY 19, 2021**

Mayor Rivera noted a correction to Page 3, Section 7 clarifying that he does “NOT” like the new fee, but this is something that should have been done a long time ago.”

With the noted correction, Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the minutes.

Councilman Galvan seconded the motion.

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

6. **TEMPORARY EASEMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 (GRANTOR) AND THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY (GRANTEE) GRANTING THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY TO GO ONTO THE GRANTOR'S EASEMENT FOR THE SEGMENT OF THE NORTH MAIN DRAINAGE THAT IS PIPED BETWEEN PALM VALLEY DRIVE SOUTH AND PALM VALLEY DRIVE WEST FOR DRAINAGE PURPOSES.**

David Flinn stated that this project is going all the way to the ditch on South on the west side and will start east of Palm Valley West at Bougainvillea.

Councilwoman Thompson made a motion to enter into the agreement.

Councilman Wade seconded the motion.

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

7. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE CITY OF PALM VALLEY AND CAMERON COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE NORTH MAIN DRAIN PROJECT APPROVED**

It was noted that Section 1.5 states that the Drainage District is responsible for the estimated cost of \$1,500,000.00. Alan Moore, General Manager for the Drainage District, explained that the drainage district is the owner of the drain and this work will improve and benefit the drainage system. The City of Palm Valley applied for a grant/loan in the same amount and has received preliminary approval. The annual debt service will be approximately \$47,000.00 per year most likely broken into semi-annual payments. The District is willing to pay the annual debt service payments if the grant/loan is approved.

Councilman Wade made a motion to enter into the agreement.

Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

8. **RESOLUTION APPROVED AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A NEW POLICE VEHICLE GRANT APPLICATION THROUGH THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

Chief Garcia stated that he was requesting that the City consider passing the resolution for a pending grant application through the Office of the Governor being administered through the LRGV Development Council. Typically, a new vehicle is purchased every two years. If the grant is awarded it would be effective in October. The grant is for police equipment and the application is a request for \$45,000 for a new fully equipped police vehicle. If the grant is awarded, he will sell the oldest vehicle.

Mayor Rivera pointed that there might be a match in which case staff would come back to the Council for a decision on the match.

Councilwoman Thompson asked if the new vehicle would be equipped any differently than the others and Chief Garcia replied it would have the same equipment as is necessary.

Councilman Wade made a motion to approve the resolution.

Councilwoman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

- 9 **CONSENT AGENDA:**
- A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO APPROVE A RESOLUTION FOR THE ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE CITY'S INVESTMENT POLICY.**
  - B. Police Monthly Report – January 2021**
  - C. Comparative Analysis of Motor Vehicle Stops**
  - D. Municipal Court Monthly report – January 2021**
  - E. Monthly Investment Report – January 2021**
  - F. Monthly Financial Report – January 2021**
  - G: Monthly Check Listings – January 2021**
  - H. Council/staff liaison reports**

Councilwoman Taylor asked Chief Garcia if there had been any major issues associated with the recent freeze. Chief Garcia replied there were some water leaks only and not many power outages. There were no rescues that were required. It was noted that Harlingen is having the same problem with the water pressure but there are no issues with the quality of the water and no boiling water issues if the water pressure does not drop below 20 PSI.

Mayor Rivera briefly went over the investment report and noted the amount of the different funds that are available.

Councilwoman Taylor made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion.

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

There being no further discussion, Councilman Galvan made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Councilwoman Thompson seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



George Rivera, Mayor

Attest:



Sylvia R. Trevino, City Secretary