

**Minutes for the City of Palmer
Regular City Council Meeting
October 16, 2007**

Call Meeting to Order.

Mayor Anglin calls the meeting to order.

Invocation and pledge.

Mike Greenlee gives the invocation and pledge.

Determination of Quorum.

Members present: Mayor Lance Anglin, , Jeff Vick, Dianne Drewrey, Joice Price, Mike Greenlee.

Mayor Pro Tem Kenneth Bateman- Absent.

Citizen Forum (2 minutes)- to address only specific current agenda items

None

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under Item 5, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will not be separate discussion of these items. Approval of the Consent Agenda authorizes the Mayor/City Administrator to execute all matters necessary to implement each item. Any item may be removed from the Consent Agenda for separate discussion and consideration by any member of the City Council.

- a. September Actuals***
- b. Balance Sheets***
- c. Minutes of October 2, 2007***
- d. Palmer Police Department Monthly Reports***
- e. Municipal Court Monthly Reports***

Jeff Vick motions to approve items on the consent agenda, Joice Price seconds, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding the site plan for the Palmer Christian Day School.

Mike Greenlee motions to approve the site plan, Jeff Vick seconds, all in favor.

Discussion regarding the City's plans to enforce Ordinance 50 dealing with untagged animals.

Doug Young addresses the council about the ordinance in place and untagged animals, to include cats. Doug is informing the council that he would like to have the cats picked up at the owner's request. The citizens will be able to trap them and the city will pick them up.

Discussion and possible action to provide for the Mayor to enter into contract with Ellis County SPCA.

Doug Young would like to be able to have the flexibility of being able to take the animals there on the weekend . Jeff Vick motions to give the mayor the authority to enter into a contract, Joice Price seconds, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.

Discussion and possible action regarding billboard applications for the Boat Shop.

A rep from the sign company addresses the council and explains that there will be ABSOLUTELY NO advertizing of tobacco, alcohol, pornography or anything that would be considered offensive. Allan Investments does not want the billboard there at all. Mike Greenlee motions to approve the billboard at the boat shop, Jeff Vick seconds, Joice Price opposes, and motion passes.

Discussion and possible action regarding billboard application for the Palmer House Motel.

Jeff Vick motions to accept the billboard at the Palmer House Motel, Mike Greenlee seconds, Joice Price opposed, and motion passes.

Discussion and possible action regarding "at will" being included in the Personnel Policy.

Mayor Anglin reads the statement that he would like to see put into the Personnel Policy Manual. Jim Bradley mentions to the Mayor, that Council Woman price mentioned at the last policy meeting, she would like to attract people to keep them if they are good employees and for Palmer not to be the place to train people and send them on. Jeff Vick voices his opinion that he does not like it at all. He feels that the employees are scrutinized enough. Larry explains that the city has always been "at will"; Larry explains that this doesn't change the current appeal procedure. Larry gives further explanation as to why this benefits the city. Chief Lynch says that he has had two attorneys look at this and says that currently the city is under "Just Cause"; Larry says that it would take a legal proceeding to determine that. Mike Greenlee motions to add the language, Dianne Drewrey seconds, Mike & Dianne vote yes, Jeff & Joice vote No, Mayor Anglin breaks the tie and votes yes, motion passes.

Discussion and possible action in adopting a policy that will keep the mayor and city council informed and up to date concerning personnel issues. This should include but not be limited to new hires, medical leaves, retirements, complaints about employees, fired employees, and all controversial issues concerning personnel. A discussion and possible action should also include the method of communication, who is responsible for the communication, and a specific time frame for the information to be related to the mayor and council.

There is a concern about violating the Open Meeting Act. Jeff Vick feels that it is none of the councils business, let the City Administrator do his job. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action on prior approval of Texas Rangers investigation of the City of Palmer.

Jeff Vick wants an update on the investigation. Lance explains that he had a meeting with a District Attorney investigator and the District Attorney (DA) himself. Lance asked for

guidance from the DA. Mr. Grubbs says that theft is a very difficult thing to prove. If you have concerns – give your information to an investigator and he will give it to me if warranted. Lance explains that it is still ongoing. Jeff Vick has concerns that the at will policy was chasing certain employees. No action taken.

Discussion and possible action regarding Directives for Palmer Police Department.

Doug Young addresses the council about directives given to the Police Department, regarding speed limits in certain areas; School Zones, ect... Lance does not want the officers to hide. Mike Greenlee explains that the council cannot direct the officers to be lenient on the law. Safety of the officers is discussed. Lance wants the Police Department to be friendly. The School Zone is a place they want watched closely. No action is taken.

ADJOURNMENT.

Joice Price motions to adjourn, Mike Greenlee seconds, all in favor, motion passes unanimously.