

PALOUSE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
March 8, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Palouse Community Center 220 E. Main St

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sievers called the Council Meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

ROLL CALL:

City Administrator Misty La Follett took Roll Call.

Council members present Sarah Bofenkamp, Leslie Jo Sena, Samuel Brink, Travis Deerkop, Robert Brooks, and Ann Barrington.

Councilmember absent: Bill Slinkard.

Councilmember Bofenkamp introduced a **MOTION** to excuse Councilmember Slinkard; **MOTION** was seconded by: Councilmember Brink. All other council members present approved, and the **MOTION** passed.

City staff present: City Administrator (CA) Misty La Follett, Public Works (PW) Supt. Mike Wolf, and Police Officer Joel Anderson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Barrington asked that the extra paragraph be removed from the Public Works report as it is unrelated to the City Council Meeting on February 22, 2022.

Councilmember Brooks asked that the word interim be added to the vote regarding the appointment of Officer Anderson as interim department head.

Councilmember Sena asked that the committee report for the Joint Fire Board be amended to say that the residents listed in the community phone book may opt into reverse 911.

Councilmember Sena introduced a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on February 22, 2022, with the amendments as stated; **MOTION** was seconded by: Councilmember Bofenkamp, and the **MOTION** passed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Supt. Wolf presented his report to the Council.

Supt. Wolf stated in addition to his report, Supt. Wolf and Walter Fealy repaired a broken water meter on Tidwell Road Sunday afternoon.

A representative from a smart water meter company would like to give a presentation to Council regarding the benefits of this product. This company also sells alarms for the sewer plant and the City wells.

*PW report attached to the minutes.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Anderson presented his report to the Council. There have been eight calls for service and two call-outs since the last council meeting.

*PD report attached to the minutes.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/DEPUTY CLERK REPORT:

CA La Follett informed Council that the Whitman County Humane Society had reached out to the City about a possible Trap-Neuter-Release clinic in Palouse towards the end of March.

CA La Follett updated the Council on the upcoming pool season. The pool manager from last year will be returning this year, and the advertisement for lifeguards has been published. Supt. Wolf and CA La Follett will be meeting with the Streets, Properties, & Facilities committee regarding the pool.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD REPORT:

Libby Akin, the YAB advisor, presented the report to Council. The YAB has the survey results, and they will present infographics to the Council and programming ideas later.

OLD BUSINESS: No old business.

NEW BUSINESS: No old business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy & Administration, Chair Barrington: The committee met and would like to add Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Juneteenth, Labor Day, and Election Day every four years to the current flag policy. Chair Barrington will work with CA La Follett to draft a new Ordinance updating the policy.

Budget, Finance, & Major Acquisitions, Chair Bofenkamp: No report

Streets, Properties, & Facilities, Chair Deerkop: The committee met and discussed updating the six-year transportation plan. CA La Follett will reach out to former Mayor Echanove for more information.

Personnel, Chair Sam Brink: The committee has received the Deputy Clerk position applications and is reviewing the applications.

Water and Sewer, Chair Slinkard: No report, but the Council has received a copy of the draft Value Planning study to review.

Joint Fire Board, Chair Sena: No report

OPEN FORUM:

Mike Milano with the Palouse Chamber of Commerce addressed the Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Sievers stated that we are moving toward filling the Deputy Clerk position.

The Council now has the draft of the Value Planning study done at the wastewater treatment plant. The City needs to resolve the temperature requirement and the dissolved inorganic nitrates. The one that is the most

concerning issue is the temperature which is a reasonably affordable fix. The dissolved inorganic nitrates are a far more complex issue to resolve.

ALLOW PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Councilmember Sena introduced a **MOTION** to allow the payment of bills. Councilmember Brooks seconded the **MOTION**; the **MOTION** passed.

The following checks are approved for payment:

Claims Paid	03/08/2022	Ck. #12247-12293	\$10,207.35
Payroll Paid	03/08/2022	Ck. #12248-12265	\$40,871.46

ADJOURN: Councilmember Brooks MOVED to adjourn; Councilmember Bofenkamp seconded the **MOTION**; the **MOTION** passed.

The council meeting adjourned at 7:39 pm.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____