

PALOUSE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
Regular Council Meeting
May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 pm
Palouse Community Center 220 E. Main St

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Tim Sievers called the Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL:

City Administrator Misty La Follett took Roll Call.

Council members present Bill Slinkard, Samuel Brink, Travis Deerkop, Ann Barrington, and Robert Brooks.

Councilmembers absent: Sarah Bofenkamp and Leslie Jo Sena

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

City staff present: City Administrator (CA) Misty La Follett and Police Officer Joel Anderson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilmember Slinkard introduced a **MOTION** to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting on April 26, 2022; the **MOTION** was seconded by: Councilmember Deerkop, and the **MOTION** passed.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Supt. Wolf was not in attendance, but his report was presented to the Council.

Mayor Sievers stated that he had spoken with Supt. Wolf and the sweeper had broken down and may need some significant repairs.

*PW report attached to the minutes.

POLICE REPORT:

Officer Anderson presented his report to the Council. There have been 11 calls for service and 3 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 first PWB loan payment is due June 1, 2022, for \$51,193.07. This is for the design of the looping water main replacement.

CA report is attached to the minutes.

OPEN FORUM:

Patty Rippee addressed the Council and asked for information on the current status of the Police Department vehicles and the purchase of a new car. Ms. Rippee also addressed the Council regarding an overgrown tree at the intersection of Mohr and Mary streets.

Steve Brink addressed the Council and wondered about not having a chief but a lead officer. Mayor Sievers stated that per the State of Washington, we are required to have a Police Chief, even if it is a one-person department.

Jim Morrison stated that he would like to see a two-person department for Officer safety and quicker response time.

Marlen Morrison would also like a two-person department for Officer safety as well.

John Snyder would also like to have two officers as well, which could be partnering with Garfield in the future.

Cindy Johnson would like a two-person department with each person working opposite schedules.

Joe Handley wanted to make sure that the City could afford to hire two officers in the future.

Becky Brink was concerned about the liability of an officer who was informally helping in Palouse from another jurisdiction who was injured.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

CA La Follett informed Council that a Determination of Non-significance was needed from the City for the Palouse Brewing Company to move forward with its plans to build on the Palouse River next to the TLC Vet Clinic on Main Street. This is required because the building site is within the Shoreline Management Program with the State of Washington.

If the City decides to issue a Determination of Non-significance after the 14-day comment period, they are clear to proceed with construction.

Joe Handley and Will Edwards addressed the Council and gave an overview of the project. They addressed the concern that the Department of Ecology had regarding the loads on the sewer plant, and they stated that the mash that they would produce will be hauled away and would not impact the sewer.

WSU Hospitality would like to partner with them as a malting teaching opportunity.

Councilmember Brink introduced a **MOTION** to approve the Determination of Non-significance for the Palouse Brewing Company; the **MOTION** was seconded by: Councilmember Slinkard.

Councilmember Barrington asked for a copy of the email from the Department of Ecology.

Councilmember Brooks asked for clarification regarding the ax-throwing location to ensure the axes would not end up in the river.

Councilmember Barrington asked for a confirmation that the mash would be hauled away, and Mr. Edwards said he would haul it to his property if no one else wanted it.

After a vote by Council, the **MOTION** passed.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD REPORT:

On June 7, 2022, the YAB would like to hold a community fair event to connect the various youth organizations in the area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Policy & Administration, Chair Barrington: No report

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

Streets, Properties, & Facilities, Chair Deerkop: No report

Personnel, Chair Sam Brink: Conducted Deputy Clerk interviews, and an offer is pending.

Water and Sewer, Chair Slinkard: No report

Joint Fire Board, Chair Sena: No report

MAYOR'S REPORT:

No report

ALLOW PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Mayor Sievers clarified that the check for \$85,194 was a grant from the Department of Ecology and was part of the City's budget.

Councilmember Deerkop introduced a **MOTION** to allow the payment of bills. Councilmember Barrington seconded the **MOTION**; the **MOTION** passed.

The following checks are approved for payment:

Payroll		Ck. #12359-12377	\$92,326.19
Claims Paid	05/10/2022	Ck. #12378-12389	\$41,607.12

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

The council meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

APPROVED: _____ ATTEST: _____