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6 **PALMER TOWN COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING**
7 **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009, 7:00 PM**
8 **Town Council Meeting Room, Palmer Town Building**
9 **Minutes**
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- 13 1. Called to order at 1902
14 2. Mr. Magiera wishes to acknowledge the receipt of a plaque from Palmer Merchants Girls under 14
15 Softball team has presented us with a plaque in honor of our support, and loaned us a commemorative
16 Palmer Town Flag from Girls' Team signed by the whole team in memory of their competition in the
17 Eastern National Championship in Dayton, OH
18 3. Roll Call:
19 a) Present: Mr. Magiera, Mr. Burns, Ms. Barry, Mr. Williams, Mr. Remillard, Mr. Backus, Mr.
20 Hebert, Mr. Streeter
21 b) Absent: Mr. Dinuovo,, Mr. Duguay
22 4. Pledge of Allegiance
23 5. Consent of the agenda: Paul, Phil, unanimous
24 6. Agenda Items
25 a) Minutes of preceding Council meetings:
26 i. June 29, 2009
27 (a) P 1 In 14 List who was here and who wasn't
28 (b) P 2 In 30 strike "was lower figure"
29 (c) P 3 In 14-21 to "Discussed line items of FY 2010 budget"
30 (d) Mr. Burns moved to accept minutes as amended, Mr. Hebert seconded, Council
31 voted 6-1-0 to approve as amended with Ms. Barry against.
32 ii. July 8, 2009
33 (a) Minutes must be clarified as to who said what
34 (b) Tabled –no motion to accept
35 iii. July 27, 2009
36 (a) Strike lines and replace with "see attached presentation"
37 (b) P 3 Discussion of consolidation report; no mention of copies to be made
38 available: item F
39 (c) Mr. Burns moved to accept minutes as amended, Mr. Hebert seconded, Council
40 voted 6-0-1 to accept minutes as amended with Ms. Barry abstaining
41 b) Resolution 2010-06-Acknowledging Notification of 10 Year Cable Renewal License
42 i. Formality of notification of accepting contract

- 1 ii. Mr. Burns discussed method of contract approval with Mr. Streeter, 30 B authority and
2 notification of council of a 10 year contract renewal, committee makeup, legal authority,
3 and provisions of renewal contract
4 iii. Mr. Burns and Mr. Magiera discussed possibility of a presence in Palmer of some type of
5 cable office for hardware pickup
6 iv. Mr. Burns discussed setting up a Comcast presence at the Senior Center in deference to
7 the original contract terms
8 v. Mr. Burns took exception to the process of renegotiation and the fact that the council was
9 not informed until the contract had been renewed.
10 vi. Mr. Magiera discussed services provided on page 54 of contract; commented that more
11 residents should have served on the committee
12 vii. Mr. Hebert moved, Ms. Barry seconded to accept notification of contract renewal
13 viii. Council voted 6-2-0 in favor of acceptance with Mr. Backus and Mr. Burns against
14 c) Resolution 2010-07 – Accepting property for conservation
15 i. Read by Ms. Barry
16 ii. Moved by Mr. Hebert, seconded by Mr. Backus to accept acreage for conservation
17 iii. Discussion:
18 (a) Mr. Hebert asked about prior town liability for injuries
19 (b) Mr. Remillard and Mr. Burns asked about assessments done on the property and
20 possible environmental issues on the property due to its position near a railroad;
21 Dave Johnson of the Conservation Commission discussed prior use of the field
22 and the absence of money for environmental testing of the site
23 iv. Motion withdrawn by Mr. Hebert and Mr. Backus
24 v. Tabled until first regular meeting in October
25 d) Resolution 2010-08 – Authorizing prior year school expenditures
26 i. Read by Ms. Barry
27 ii. Moved by Mr. Hebert to discuss motion, seconded by Mr. Remillard
28 iii. Discussion:
29 (a) Mr. Magiera passed out and explained law pertaining to approval of these
30 expenditures
31 (b) Called on an unknown person in the audience to further explain procedures and
32 voting
33 (c) Ms. Barry discussed charter issues concerning votes
34 (d) Mr. Magiera chose to discuss issues individually
35 (e) Mr. Charko and Dr. Fournier discussed how each item of these expenses came
36 about
37 (f) Ms. Barry and Mr. Streeter discussed discrepancies between discussion of the
38 invoices and a prior letter presented to the council
39 iv. Recess called at 1958 by Mr. Magiera
40 v. Reconvened at 2008 by Mr. Magiera to resume resolution 2010-08
41 (a) Ms. Barry discussed billing procedures and discrepancies, and disagreed with the
42 way things were done; bottom line is that 2009 budget was over expended; this
43 process is wrong and cannot continue next year.
44 (b) Mr. Charko explained how these expenditures got removed from the 2010
45 warrant and placed before the Council
46 (c) Mr. Burns discussed problems with the whole payment process across the board;
47 stated that bills appeared to be paid in violation of state law
48 (d) Mr. Remillard discussed Police fees and revolving athletic accounts
49 (e) Mr. Magiera invoked right of the Council under Section 2-7 C and D to
50 investigate whole process and everything that happened, and to consult counsel
51 to make sure that the whole process goes forward smoothly

- 1 (f) Ms. Barry stated that way motion is worded is incorrect; money should be moved
2 to an expense payable account out of the school budget
3 vi. Mr. Remillard and Mr. Hebert withdrew motion
4 vii. Ms. Barry moved that the Town Council authorize payment of several Fiscal Year 09
5 school invoices in the amount of \$22,877.91, funds to be transferred from the Fiscal 2010
6 School Budget to a line item titled FY 2009 unpaid bills of the previous year; seconded
7 by Mr. Burns
8 viii. Council voted 7-0-0 to authorize payment and transfer of funds
9 ix. As a point of clarification, Dr. Fournier noted that in last Friday's Journal it indicated that
10 there was nobody present at the last meeting to speak to this issue, because we were not
11 invited; in fact we were not even invited to this meeting (he had to read about it in the
12 paper); and, knowing that this would be on the table, I asked Tom (Mr. Charko) to make
13 sure through Valerie that we were invited to this meeting and we were allowed to come.
14 In the future if you would like us to appear we have no problem doing so at any time; just
15 let us know in advance. Mr. Streeter and Dr. Fournier discussed meeting notifications.
16 e) Report from town Manager per Resolution 2010-09: Leaf Pick-up
17 i. Mr. Magiera outlined Mr. Streeter's written report for the information of the Council
18 ii. Mr. Streeter proposed that the pit be opened for 5 weekends this fall for leaf disposal
19 (option A); dates were discussed further, especially Thanksgiving weekend
20 iii. Mr. Hebert proposed using Senior Citizens to oversee leaf pit, with wages applied to
21 reduce their taxes; Council discussed personnel options and provisions for attendant, the
22 short time frame until program implementation, regulations for drop-off of leaves
23 iv. Costs for the pick-up will be voted on October 13th; money can be funded from reserves
24 v. This service is one that the town would like to provide
25 vi. Mr. Williams proposed that the town make a bulk purchase of leaf bags; Mr. Streeter said
26 that it's not a feasible option at this time
27 7. Mr. Burns moved, Mr. Backus seconded motion to adjourn; vote was unanimous to adjourn at 2043.
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31 Respectfully submitted by
32 Ramon M. Dole
33 Recording Secretary