

**Town Council minutes  
September 4, 2012**

STATE OF TEXAS           §  
COUNTY OF TARRANT    §  
TOWN OF PANTEGO         §

The Town Council of the Town of Pantego, Texas, met in budget session at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Town Hall, 1614 South Bowen Road, Pantego, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of September 2012 with the following members present:

<b>Melody Paradise</b>	<b>Mayor</b>
<b>Don Surratt</b>	<b>Mayor Pro Tem</b>
<b>Jane Barrett</b>	<b>Council Members</b>
<b>Russell Brewster</b>	
<b>Don Funderlic</b>	

constituting a quorum. Councilmember Price was excused from tonight's meeting. The following staff members were present:

<b>Sean Fox</b>	<b>City Manager</b>
<b>Lindsay Wells</b>	<b>City Secretary</b>
<b>Fitzhugh Newsome</b>	<b>Finance Director</b>
<b>Tom Griffith</b>	<b>Chief of Public Safety</b>
<b>Ron Edwards</b>	<b>Public Works Director</b>
<b>Chad Joyce</b>	<b>Community Development Director</b>

**SPECIAL SESSION 6:30 P.M.**

Mayor Paradise called the work session to order at 6:33 p.m.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

- 1. Second Public Hearing to consider Tax Rate of \$0.41 per \$100 valuation for the Town's 2012-2013 Fiscal Year Budget.**

Mayor Paradise opened the floor for a Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m. and having no citizens or business owners coming to speak before Council, closed the Public Hearing at 6:35 p.m.

- 2. Second Public Hearing regarding a proposed budget for Fiscal Year October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2013.**

Mayor Paradise opened the floor for a Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m. and having no citizens or business owners coming to speak before Council, closed the Public Hearing at 6:36 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION, REVIEW, APPROVAL AND / OR DIRECT STAFF**

- 3. Discuss and consider adoption of a formal resolution ratifying the Council action approving a Master Advanced Funding Agreement with and between the State of Texas and the Town of Pantego.**

Community Development Director Chad Joyce stated that the proposed resolution was inadvertently left out of the previous Council agenda packet. Mr. Joyce informed Council that although the resolution was not specifically approved, the Master Advanced Funding Agreement was approved by Council.

Mayor Paradise reviewed what Council approved at the previous meeting and stated that since the previous meeting, she has spoken with Dalworthington Gardens Mayor Tedder and he informed her that the City would pay the full \$4,900 designated in the contract as opposed to the \$4,000 initially approved.

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Mayor Pro Tem Surratt made a motion to approve a resolution ratifying the Council action approving a Master Advanced Funding Agreement with and between the State of Texas and the Town of Pantego. Councilmember Brewster seconded the motion.

The vote was as follows:

Ayes: Surratt, Barrett, Brewster, and Funderlic

Nays:

Abstentions:

Mayor Paradise declared the motion passed unanimously.

**4. Budget Wrap Up**

City Manager Sean Fox informed Council that the entire budget has been reviewed and only a few questions remain including a proposed Council Chambers upgrade. Mr. Fox discussed the proposed improvements to both the Council Chambers as well as the Betty Harrison Training Room and stated that the cost for the renovation would come from both the General/Administrative Fund and the Court Technology Fund.

Council discussed issues related to the proposal including delaying renovations until the next budget year, convenience of the court, chambers audience capacity, and staff convenience versus citizen need.

Public Safety Chief Tom Griffith stated that upgrading the training room would be helpful for the fire department as they do several trainings throughout the year. Mr. Fox informed Council that the cost to renovate only the training room would be approximately \$1,790.

Council discussed issues including the ease of reconfiguring the rooms, drawing down reserve funds, and budget overages for current projects.

Council agreed to keep the expenditure in the current budget and will allow for further discussion when the full council is in attendance.

Mr. Fox next discussed possible stipends for employees and stated that this expenditure is not currently in the budget.

Council discussed issues including the draw down amount in reserve funds, employee appreciation, approving an unbudgeted stipend when sales tax numbers are received, and current deficit with and without the stipend included.

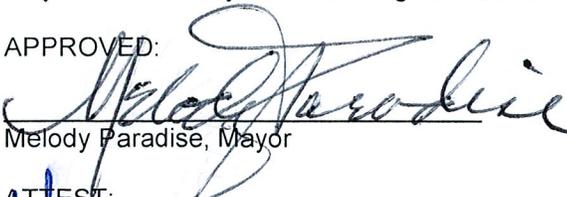
Council agreed to include the expenditure in the current budget and will allow for further discussion when the full council is in attendance. Council directed staff to include it in the budget for review.

Council discussed line items including building maintenance.

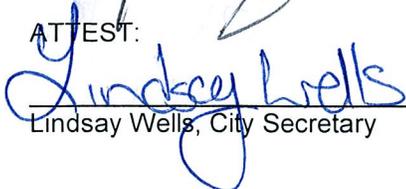
**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Paradise adjourned the regular session at 7:20 p.m.

APPROVED:

  
Melody Paradise, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lindsay Wells, City Secretary

