

City of Palco/McKenna Center

Special Meeting

March 17, 2026

City Office

Call the Meeting to Order

Mayor Kyle Karlin called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Those present included Mayor Kyle Karlin; Council Members Stephen Desaire, Brandon Kuhn, Koleson Hubbard, Don Steeples and Joan Underhill; City Clerk Larissa Wilson; Treasurer Patricia Wendling; McKenna Center Director Brenda Lucas. Visitors present included Jess Beesley, Andrea Keller, Kedra Dopita, Joshua Eaton, Tiffany Eaton, Tom Benoit, Marissa Jones, Matt Benoit. Those arriving after the meeting was called to order included Faith Kenyon and Gregg Whisman (7:02 PM) and Saindon (7:03 PM.)

Approve Agenda

The agenda was presented. Don motioned to approve the agenda; Joan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

Recognize Visitors

All visitors were recognized.

New Business

The meeting started with the Land Tenant Lottery Drawing. There were six applicants for Tract 11, four applicants for Tract 8 and two applicants for Tract 4. Two of the applicants for Tract 11 did not meet the eligibility criteria, therefore they were eliminated from the drawing.

Jess Beesley asked how the criteria came about. Land Tenant Manager Gregg Whisman and Kyle Karlin explained that there were no alterations of the eligibility criteria since it was first established in 2012. More discussion followed. Don motioned to leave the rules as they are; Brandon seconded. Motion carried 4-1, with Councilmember Hubbard opposing the motion.

Matthew Benoit's name was drawn for Tract 11 (SW/4 25-9-19). Alex Benoit's name was drawn for Tract 8 (SW /4 30-10-20). Quinten Roy's name was drawn for Tract 4 (29-9-21). Don moved to accept the tenants drawn; Koleson seconded. Motion carried 5-0

The McKenna Advisory Board Member positions were discussed next. Brandon motioned to accept Don for the City Councilmember position. Stephen seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1, with Don abstaining.

The PDZ Recreation Commission/School Board position was discussed. Several additional individuals expressed interest in the position and were present at the meeting. Joan moved to enter executive session to conduct individual interviews. Don seconded the motion. Discussion followed regarding interviewing an interested individual who was not present. Koleson stated a preference to postpone the interviews. Joan withdrew the original motion. Koleson then moved to postpone the interviews until next month's meeting. Joan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0. Jess departed at 7:27 PM.

Calvin DeYoung arrived at 7:28 PM. At 7:29 PM, Don motioned to go into executive session for 15 minutes to interview Calvin for the open Assistant Superintendent position. Joan seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

All individuals, except the Mayor, City Councilmembers, and applicant being interviewed, left the conference room for the executive session. During the executive session, all individuals except the City Clerk departed the City Office.

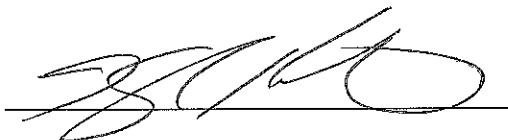
The Executive Session ended at 7:45 PM. At that time, Koleson motioned to go back into Executive Session for 10 more minutes. Stephen seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Calvin departed the Executive Session and City Office at 7:49 PM. The Council went on to discuss the applicant for the remainder of time. The Executive Session ended at 7:56 PM.

Don made a motion to hire Calvin as a full-time employee (40 hours per week) at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, subject to a 90-day probationary period. After 90 days, he will become eligible for PTO and health insurance benefits, with Calvin responsible for 50% of the insurance premium. After six months of employment, the City will assume full responsibility for the cost of Calvin's insurance. Rick's hours will be reduced to their original schedule of up to 10 hours per week. Joan seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

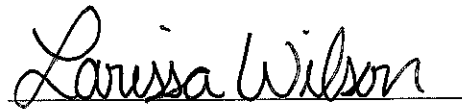
Adjournment

Brandon motioned to adjourn at 8:10 PM. Don seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The next regular meeting will be held on April 8, 2026, at 7:00 PM.



Kyle Karlin, Mayor



Larissa Wilson, City Clerk