

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 7, 2015

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in city hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding and opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members answered roll call: Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Robert Lovegreen, Josh Smith and Pam Behring. Also present was Tim Barnes, Eddie Bogue, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

A motion was made by Council Member Lovegreen and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Lovegreen, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the December 18<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Mayor Graham recommended appointing the following individuals to the Palmyra North Enhanced Enterprise Zone: Irene Meyers, Rodney Kuntemeyer, Andy Bross, Mark Bross, Bob Ravenscraft, Eric Churchwell and Lyndon Bode. A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to accept Mayor Graham's Palmyra North Enhanced Enterprise Zone advisory board appointments. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Lovegreen, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1526 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 390 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION OF MOTOR VEHICLES."

A motion was made by Council Member Lovegreen and seconded by Council Member Merkel to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute a Reimbursement Agreement in which the Palmyra Rural Fire Association will reimburse the city \$37,400.00 over the next 5 years for its remaining portion due on the purchase of the 2000 KEM fire pumper. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Lovegreen, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Behring to pass and approve Resolution 2015-01 entitled "Resolution of Revisions to Employee Handbook of City of Palmyra, Missouri." The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Lovegreen, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Merkel reported on a Police Committee meeting held early in the evening in which Police Chief Bogue advised of a need for possible light duty for an officer who is currently recuperating from back surgery. The committee discussed the future need for a body camera program and Chief Bogue was asked to research the topic. Chief Bogue also provided the traffic statistics for 2014.

Council Member Sheputis advised that Architect Martin Meyer had asked for one point of contact for the city during the construction of the new police station. After discussing the matter, by consensus, the council appointed Tim Barnes.

Council Member Sheputis mentioned the need to review the possibility of an increase in the council member's pay. City Attorney Hickman will look into the legalities and report back at the next council meeting.

Mayor Graham advised the city's bicentennial celebration will be in 2019 and he will be asking citizens as well as city officials and city organizations to work together to organize this event.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:29 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk