

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 6, 2016

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: Nathan Miller, Josh Smith, Pam Behring and Jeff Merkel. Council Member Ken Sheputis and Council Member Robert Lovegreen were absent. Also present were Eddie Bogue, Tim Barnes, Charles Erwin, Jim Lowe, Marla Sparks, Seth Sparks, Michael Sparks, Brad Bier, Richard Goellner, Larry Gottman, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the December 17th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Larry Gottman addressed the council about a parking problem on East Ross/CR 402 where the newly developed rental properties have been constructed. Tenants are parking on both sides of the road which is causing a problem with the flow of traffic. The council advised the matter would be addressed by adding "No Parking" signs in accordance with the current ordinance and contacting the owner of the development. Larry Gottman, Brad Bier, Richard Goellner, Michael Sparks, Marla Sparks and Seth Sparks exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

Mayor Graham reported on a conversation he had with Jerry Trower concerning the library agreement. City Attorney Hickman was asked to revise the proposed agreement to add a clause stating any existing building code violation(s) as of the date of the agreement the city would allow the library up to three years to correct.

A discussion was held concerning Jared Murphy's request for rezoning on June Avenue. The council asked City Attorney Hickman to send a letter to Mr. Murphy addressing the topic.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1537 entitled "AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY OF HINDS AVENUE STREET LYING IN PART OF BLOCK FIVE (5) OF MARION HILLS SUBDIVISION, CITY OF PALMYRA, MARION COUNTY, MISSOURI". A discussion was held concerning this request and how the property vacated would revert to current property owners. Jim Lowe and Charles Erwin exited the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Council Member Merkel reported residents on Short Street from Main to Spring have asked the city to repair the culvert and asphalt the street or as an alternative close that portion of the street due to lack of maintenance. Merkel also mentioned a complaint concerning an outside wood burning stove and the gravel placed at the police station.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue provided an update on the police station. An additional change order for the police station was presented. A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Miller to approve the change order in the sum of \$295.15 and authorize Mayor Graham to execute the same. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Smith, Behring and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Police Chief Bogue requested authorization to move forward with the purchase of an in car camera in which a grant from MIRMA will reimburse the city 75% along with authorization to purchase two new computers for a sum of \$1,733.44 to be installed at the new police station. A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Smith to authorize the purchase of the in car camera and two computers. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Smith and Behring. Nays: Merkel. The motion carried.

A brief discussion was held concerning the parking situation on Industrial Drive as well as East Ross/CR 402 and employees were asked to look into establishing "No Parking" signs on both roads.

Mayor Graham reported on a Highway 36 Transportation District meeting. It is believed this obligation will be paid in full by the end of 2017.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk