

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 21, 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: Robert Lovegreen, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis and Jeff Merkel. Council Member Nathan Miller and Council Member Josh Smith were absent. Also present were Chuck Houston, Tim Barnes, John Teel, Charlie Erwin, Jim Lowe, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman. Trevor McDonald (Hannibal Courier Post) entered the meeting at 7:11 p.m. and Police Chief Eddie Bogue entered the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

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

- a. Approval of the January 6th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – December.

Mayor Graham will take a copy of the proposed library agreement to the Marion County Library District to be reviewed.

The agreement between the City of Palmyra and the Northeast Missouri Narcotics Task Force is in the process of being executed.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided a second 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". The council listen to the concerns of John Teel and Charlie Erwin on the topic. Mr. Teel, Mr. Erwin and Mr. Lowe stepped out of the council to speak in private.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Behring to approve a Parks and Recreation invoice from Woodward Fencing in the sum of \$29,800.00 for materials and installation of fencing at Foster Field. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Lovegreen, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Street Commissioner Chuck Houston advised his department has begun the demolition of the house at 115 East Olive.

Council Member Merkel reported the paperwork to establish the Palmyra North Enhanced Enterprise Zone was moving forward. The board is currently waiting for a map of the zone to be completed.

Council Member Merkel reiterated the request of a resident to fix the culvert and possibly asphalt or chip-n-seal Short Street running from Main to Spring Streets. Street Commissioner Houston advised the mentioned property is a city alley not a platted street and it would be up to the city council whether to expend city funds to maintain an alley. Street Commissioner Houston also stated the current culvert was installed by MoDOT but the street department would be willing to replace it with the cooperation of the property owner. Council Member Merkel stated he would contact the resident with this information and report back to the council at a later date.

Council Member Merkel also reported of a lot of extra traffic and mechanics at the trailer park on North Bradley.

Police Chief Bogue reported his department is moved into the new police station. Chief Bogue also received council approval for the Task Force to remove a wall if it is not load bearing from the upstairs portion of the building.

Mr. Teel, Mr. Erwin and Mr. Lowe entered back into the meeting and advised they were in agreement to vacate Hinds Avenue. Bill #1537 was brought back up for discussion but failed due to lack of a motion. Mr. Teel, Mr. Erwin and Mr. Lowe exited the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

A motion was made by Council Member Behring and seconded by Council Member Sheputis to authorize City Clerk Parsons to attend the MoCCFOA Spring Institute in March in Columbia, Missouri. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Lovegreen, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:41 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk