

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 22, 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: Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Josh Smith, Pam Behring and Ken Sheputis. Council Member Robert Lovegreen was absent. Also present were Chuck Houston, Eddie Bogue, Tim Barnes, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the January 7th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – December.

City Attorney Hickman reported on the process to increase the pay of the elected officials. If an ordinance is passed to increase the elected officials pay prior to the date of the 2015 general election, the first possible date the increase could become effective is May of 2016 as all elected positions must go through the election process. Mayor Graham advised the members of the Board of Public Works were not in favor of an increase. The topic will be placed on the agenda for the next council meeting for further discussion.

City Attorney Hickman provided the second 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 VEHICLE." A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Smith to pass and approve Bill #1526 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1526 became Ordinance #1164-15-01.

Council Member Merkel mentioned a traffic issue concerning large trucks trying to make the corner at North Street and North Spring to get to the Charlie Brown Industrial Park. Trailers and vehicles are being parked on both sides of North Spring near the intersection which is making it impossible for the larger trucks to make the corner. Street Commissioner Houston was asked to paint both sides of the road yellow on North Street and North Spring near the intersection plus add "No Parking" signs.

Council Member Smith mentioned the need to determine when the employee evaluations would be performed. The consensus of the council was for the first set of evaluations to be completed by March 1, 2015 and thereafter the evaluations would be due by January 31st of each year.

The council discussed the renewal of the Code Red Alert System. The council plans to budget for this expense but would like to have an update from John Hark. Mr. Hark will be invited to attend a council meeting in February.

Street Commissioner Chuck Houston reported his department had received 15 applications for the job opening.

Building Inspector Tim Barnes reported there will be a need for a permit from MoDOT to establish the entrance/exit onto Main Street for the new police station. This permit requires a \$1,000.00 performance bond which will be refundable after the work is complete. Barnes advised the permit was not part of the bid packet and asked the city to consider paying for the bond. A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to authorize payment of the \$1,000.00 performance bond to MoDOT for the permit to establish the entrance/exit on Main Street for the new police station. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Parsons advised the MoCCFOA Spring Institute has been scheduled for March 8th through March 12th in Columbia, Missouri, and asked for authorization to attend. A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Merkel to authorize Parsons to attend the conference and spend up to \$950.00 for hotel, registration, meals and mileage. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:34 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk