

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 26, 2017

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: Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller and Andrew Salsman. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Trevor McDonald, Ed Husar and Mark Cheffey.

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

- a. Approval of the January 12th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – December.

Council Member Smith reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on January 24th where the following topics were discussed: Supreme Court rule mandating the separation of the court clerk from the police department; shared leave policy; clothing allowing; and time off on Christmas Eve.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to approve adding to the list of holidays a half day off for Christmas Eve (closing city offices at 12:00 p.m.). The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Merkel mentioned the downtown business district and the concern of property owners turning the bottom floor of these buildings into residential apartments. Mayor Graham also mentioned the trash totes being placed on the city sidewalks. The council will seek an opinion from City Attorney Chase Hickman on this matter.

The Industrial Development Authority will be holding its annual meeting on Monday, January 30th, and the council would like to receive a financial and status report from the board.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith reported the bridge on East Olive between Bradley and Dingle is in need of repairs. Smith also reported on a meeting he had with a bridge inspector from MoDOT concerning the culvert on North Main at which time he was told the culvert needs to be addressed for repairs.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to authorize Street Commissioner Smith to purchase a chainsaw and pole saw from Sydenstrickers for the sum of \$1,765.96. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue reported on a meeting he had with Bill Sparks of B&J Auto. Mr. Sparks will be addressing the vehicles parked by his business on East Main Cross by removing some and getting valid plates on others.

A building commission meeting was set for February 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Graham reported the city had received a 93% on its MIRMA annual evaluation.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith authorizing the city clerk to attend the MoCCFOA Spring Institute in March and spend up to \$800.00 in expenses. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

At the request of Mayor Graham, the second council meeting in February will be held on Wednesday, February 22nd.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:49 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk