

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

February 4, 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: Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller and Robert Lovegreen. Also present were Chuck Houston, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Tim Barnes, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the January 21<sup>st</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

The list of city projects was discussed with the main focus being storm water runoff.

City Clerk Parsons advised the agreement with the library as well as the agreement at the Task Force have been signed.

Council Member Sheputis reported on a House Committee meeting in which bids for the janitorial service for city hall and the police station were discussed. Four bids were received with the House Committee recommending Becky Goodwin for the position. A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to hire Becky Goodwin for the janitorial position for city hall and the police station at a cost of \$936.00 per month and authorize Mayor Graham to execute the written agreement for this service. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Merkel reported on a Police Committee meeting and reported additional blinds need to be installed in two rooms for security. At night people outside the building can see in but officers/employees inside the building cannot see out. The cost for the additional blinds will be approximately \$500.00.

Council Member Merkel also reported due to the rise in vehicle repair expenses for the police department, the Police Committee was recommending moving forward with the purchase of a new squad. A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to purchase a 2016 SUV from Lovegreen Motor at state bid price for the sum of \$28,720.00 which includes equipment. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried. Council Member Lovegreen abstained from the vote.

Council Member Behring mentioned the IRS scam calls are still happening and strongly encouraged citizens to report any calls that might receive.

Council Member Sheputis advised the Board of Public Works is discussing its options concerning the storm water runoff that end up in homes.

Council Member Merkel mentioned numerous calls he had received concerning high utility bills and the fact citizens had not received their utility bills this month.

Council Member Miller advised the Finance Committee will begin meeting soon to prepare the budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

Street Commissioner Houston reported the "No Parking" signs have been installed on Ross Street/County Road 402 and the structures at 115 East Olive have been demolished with the street department currently placing base rock at this location to implement a parking lot.

Street Commissioner Houston announced his retirement effective May 1, 2016.

Safety Officer Tim Barnes reported the city had received a 95% on its annual evaluation with MIRMA.

Mayor Graham mentioned having the park look into options to help control the mosquitos due to large amounts of people using our park during the summer season. Council Member Smith will bring this topic up at the next park board meeting.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:28 p.m.

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Loren L Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk