

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

February 9, 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: Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman and Josh Smith. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Tim Barnes, Brent Abell, Tom Lockett, Trevor McDonald and Mark Cheffey.

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: Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Salsman and Smith. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the January 26<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Council Member Smith brought up the topic of the municipal court clerk's position and the new law changing many requirements of this position and the municipal court. It was the consensus of the council to establish a job description and once approved, move forward with advertising for applicants. The House Committee and Personnel Committee will schedule a joint meeting to discuss additional office space.

Council Member Miller reported on a Building Commission meeting held earlier in the evening where it was decided to begin the enforcement of the dangerous building ordinance by sending property owners in violation a courtesy letter with the violations listed. The committee will begin in the 100 block of South Main and move through the business district.

Council Member Behring mentioned the need to review the parking in the business district on Main Street to allow for better sight when pulling out from a side street. Options were discussed. The consensus was to get the municipal parking lot paved this year and then work on adding additional space at the beginning and end of each block where no parking will be allowed.

Council Member Sheputis stated the board will be starting a program to identify how water is getting into the sewer system. It is believed that sump pumps, downspouts and drainage tiles are tied to the sewer lines.

Council Member Miller mentioned asking the Industrial Development Authority to work on getting better access to Brown Industrial Park.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Sheputis to amend the Employee Handbook by adding "All grant time worked is paid at time and a half rate of the officer's pay for both exempt and non-exempt employees." The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Salsman and Smith. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Behring advised that council Josh Steffen is now the president of PACB.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith provided a status of the different companies who have been contacted and who has looked at the repairs needed on the culvert on North Main.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue obtained the signatures of the elected officials to apply for a highway safety grant. Bogue also mentioned MoDOT has opened up its cost share program and wondered if the council would like to look into the possibility of obtaining engineering and a design for outer roads along Highway 61.

Superintendent Brent Abell reported the board has hired a water leak detection company and will be testing the entire town for problems. Abell also updated the council on the status of upgrading the West and North electrical circuits.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Mayor Graham's appointment of Stacy Richards to the Park Board to replace Mary Beth Lenzini. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Salsman and Smith. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Merkel to approve Mayor Graham's appointment of Gerry Maas to the Industrial Development Authority to replace Irene Meyers. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Salsman and Smith. Nays: None. The motion carried.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made a 7:40 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk