

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

February 18, 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: Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Robert Lovegreen and Josh Smith. Also present were Chuck Houston, Eddie Bogue, Tim Barnes, Jane Rushford (MECO), Steve Mast, 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: Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Lovegreen and Smith. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the February 4th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – January.

Steve Mast of Mast Automotive approached the council with a request for a variance of the setback ordinance pertaining to property located at 614 North Main. Mr. Mast is wanting to add on to the west side of his existing building for a place to store inventory and supplies. Mr. Mast provided the council with photographs of the location along with a handwritten letter from Mr. Rees, property owner to the north, who has no objection to this request. A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel granting a variance to the setback ordinance to allow for Mr. Mast's to add on to his existing building. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Lovegreen and Smith. Nays: None. The motion carried. Mr. Mast exited the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Council Member Miller reported the finance committee had met on three occasions to work on the budget for fiscal year 2016-17. The committee is hopeful to have a draft of the proposed budget to the council at the next meeting.

Council Member Sheputis advised he had been approached by concerned citizens who are opposed to eliminating the engines. After receiving information from the board, Council Member Sheputis will address their concerns.

Council Member Lovegreen stated he had been approached about eliminating the engines as well.

Street Commissioner Chuck Houston reported an employee within his department had obtained a work related injury and due to the type of injury may be off work for some time. Houston advised he would be willing to postpone his retirement until the street department is fully staffed.

Houston advised the municipal parking lot on East Olive can now be used. A discussion was held concerning signage for the parking lot.

The council requested Police Chief Eddie Bogue to find out the standard warranty on the heating and cooling system installed at the new police station by Peters Heating and Air Conditioning prior to signing an annual maintenance agreement.

The council authorized Chief Bogue to move forward with the purchase and installation of two lights at the new police station. One light will light up the flag on the flag pole and the other will light up the front of the building.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:20 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk