

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

February 22, 2018

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, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring and Ken Sheputis. Council Member Nathan Miller was absent. Also present were Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brock Fahy, Robert and Ashton Lovegreen, Grace Fessenden, Sarah and Montgomery Riedle, Emily and Remington Kroeger, Brandy Henninger, Anna Ragar, Brandy and Leena Jefferies, Chloe Welch, Erin Hancock, Ellen Stuhlman, Kyle Smyser, Bill Goldinger, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the February 8<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – January.

Kyle Smyser, representing the Palmyra Cemetery, advised the council of the need to have five trees removed from the cemetery. Mayor Graham reported the Palmyra Board of Public Works had hired a company for tree removal with the intention of having as part of the contract, the removal of the cemetery trees. Cost will be assumed by the city. Mr. Smyser and Mr. Goldinger thanked the council and exited the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Ellen Stuhlman and PACE students presented to the council a list of ideas for Palmyra's Bicentennial Celebration to be held in 2019. The students are currently studying a unit on Palmyra. Mrs. Stuhlman advised the students would like to take on the history of the schools as well as contacting Palmyra's in other states to present at the celebration. As the class is also studying local government, Mrs. Stuhlman and the PACE students stayed for the remainder of the meeting.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the seconded reading of Bill #1565 entitled "AN ORDINANCE REPEALING CHAPTER 265 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 265 OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO MUD, DIRT, LITTER, DEBRIS, SNOW, OTHER FOREIGN MATTER, OR OBSTRUCTIONS ON PUBLIC STREETS OR SIDEWALKS, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF." A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Behring to pass and approve Bill #1565 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1565 became Ordinance #1201-18-01.

Council Member Smith reported on a Personnel Committee meeting where the resignation of Chuck Anderson was discussed. The city is currently advertising for applicants for the position of Building Inspector/Code Enforcement-Safety Officer.

Mayor Graham reported on a Finance Committee meeting where the committee met with department heads to begin the budget for fiscal year 2018-19. A second meeting will be set to finalize the budget.

Council Member Salsman reported on a Street & Alley Committee meeting where additional signage around Palmyra was discussed.

Mayor Graham reported on the MML Legislative Conference he attended in Jefferson City. Some bills of interest include various bills concerning prevailing wage, a bill to make changes to Senate Bill 5 along with a proposed bill to require municipalities to submit expenditures to a database controlled by the State.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Salsman to enter into closed session for litigation. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel-litigation; Salsman-litigation; Smith-litigation; Behring-litigation; and Sheputis-litigation. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors exited the meeting and the council entered into closed session at 7:23 p.m.

Following a motion in closed session to adjourn, the council entered back into open session at 7:44 p.m. With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:44 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk