

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

March 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: Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring and Ken Sheputis. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Kristen Olson, Tom Lockett, Janice Shaw, Josh Steffen, Trevor McDonald and Mark Cheffey.

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

- a. Approval of the February 22nd minutes
- b. Approval of the March 1st special meeting minutes
- c. Bills for Approval.

Josh Steffen and Janice Shaw of the Palmyra Area Community Betterment advised the council of new leadership and a new direction this organization is moving towards. The organization is working on a new mission statement and possibly shortening the name to Palmyra Betterment. Their goal is to look into projects like Habitat for Humanity (building improvement) to better the community that PACB can do more on their own. A recreation facility is still a goal. Mr. Steffen and Mrs. Shaw exited the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Council Member Miller reported the Finance Committee had met twice and has a draft of the budget.

Council Member Smith reported the Personnel Committee had met and was recommending no changes to the clothing allowance, approved the proposed job description for a municipal court clerk position and the committee is still looking into a share leave policy.

Council Member Sheputis reported the House Committee had met and discussed additional office space in city hall if the city moved forward in hiring a municipal court clerk.

A discussion was held concerning the tornado sirens and the fact all but one did not go off during the storm earlier in the week. Superintendent Brent Abell advised his department had been working to correct the issues and all sirens are currently working. It was decided that Palmyra's tornado sirens will be tested monthly (even during the winter months) with city personal being stationed at each location for confirmation of all are in working order. The council also stressed the need for citizens for sign up for Code Red alerts as a backup.

Council Member Behring advised the Ordinance Committee will be setting a meeting soon to discuss tiny houses. Behring also passed out the first draft of a solid waste bid packet and asked for comments.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Behring to authorize Mayor Graham to execute an amendment in the sum of \$9,000.00 to Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering to add engineering cost to the pre-treatment program to include a DNR mandatory facility plan. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Due to the general election and the city's fiscal year end, the April council meetings will be held April 13th and April 20th.

Council Member Sheputis advised the Board of Public Works had approved the board's fiscal year 2017-18 budget and was submitted the same to the council for final approval.

Mayor Graham mentioned a public forum was being planned for the public to meet and address the candidates running for city positions. This forum is tentative scheduled for March 27th at 6:30 p.m. and will take place at the American Legion.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:24 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk