

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

April 14, 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.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Graham opened the public hearing to hear comments from residents regarding the proposed budgets for the General Revenue, the Board of Public Works and the Parks and Recreation departments. With no comments being heard from the public Mayor Graham declared the public hearing closed.

The following council members answered roll call: Nathan Miller, Robert Lovegreen, Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis and Jeff Merkel. Also present were William Dees (MECO Engineering), Lynn Smith, Tim Barnes, Eddie Bogue, Chuck Houston, Andrew Salsman, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the March 17<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Resolution #2016-01.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Merkel to adopt the budgets for the General Revenue, the Board of Public Works and the Parks & Recreation departments for fiscal year 2016-17. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Lovegreen, Smith, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Miller reported on a finance committee meeting in which the committee conducted a final review of the budget for fiscal year 2016-17.

Council Member Smith reported on a personnel committee meeting in which the committee reviewed proposed step scale language to be placed in the Employee Handbook. The proposed language was given to City Attorney Chase Hickman for his comments and suggestions.

Mayor Graham reported that he and two additional council members met with the owner of the Budget Inn concerning transportation issues and the possibility of extending Elizabeth Avenue to connect with East Main Cross.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Behring to accept the election certification from the county clerk. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Lovegreen, Smith, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried. The results of the election are as follows:

First Ward	Jeff Merkel	115	Third Ward	Josh Smith	149
Second Ward	Andrew Salsman	111			

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith to adjourn sine die. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Lovegreen, Smith, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham presented outgoing Council Member Robert Lovegreen with a framed resolution reflecting his years of commitment to the city. At the end of the presentation, Mr. Lovegreen exited the meeting.

Mayor Graham administered the oath of office to Council Member Jeff Merkel, Council Member Andrew Salsman and Council Member Josh Smith.

Mayor Graham called the meeting to order and the following council members answered roll call: Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel and Nathan Miller.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Behring to nominate Council Member Ken Sheputis as Mayor Pro Tem. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Salsman, Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried.

By consensus, the council approved moving forward with the Electronic Recycling Day scheduled for June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Council Member Sheputis welcomed Council Member Salsman to the council.

Council Member Merkel expressed his concern over Liberty Utilities cutting into city streets for repairs.

Street Commissioner Chuck Houston mentioned the price of concrete had increased and recommended increasing the cost passed on to the property owners for curb/guttering/sidewalk replacement. After discussing the topic, the consensus of the council was to absorb the additional cost.

Street Commissioner Houston provided an update on the search for a new street sweeper.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue thanked the employees of the Street Department and the Parks & Recreation Department on the landscaping and sod at the new police station.

By consensus, the council requested City Attorney Chase Hickman to draft an ordinance to establish a process to apply for an administrative search warrant which would assist in city employees gaining access to private properties for code enforcement.

Mayor Graham congratulated City Clerk Deena Parsons on receiving her Missouri Registered City Clerk certification.

Mayor Graham mentioned the ribbon cutting ceremony at the Budget Inn scheduled for 4:00 p.m., April 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Graham advised he plans to make his committee appointments at the next council meeting.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:56 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk