

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

April 21, 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: Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel and Andrew Salsman. Council Member Nathan Miller was absent. Also present were Chuck Houston, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Ed Husar (Quincy Herald Whig), Trevor McDonald (Hannibal Courier Post), Mark Cheffey (Palmyra Spectator), Jane Rushford (MECO Engineering), Lynn Smith 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: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the April 14th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – March.

By consensus of the council, the May city council meetings will be held on the 5th and 18th due to Palmyra High School graduation.

A motion was made by Council Member Behring and seconded by Council Member Salsman to pass and approve Resolution #2016-02 (ethics statement). The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Behring reported the ordinance committee had met earlier in the evening and was recommending to the council to move forward with the reading of the administrative search warrant ordinance.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1538 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION _____ OF THE CITY CODE OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI RELATING TO ISSUANCE OF ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANTS BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT FOR ENFORCEMENT OF PUBLIC NUISANCE, AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY ORDINANCES."

Council Member Behring advised one bid was received for the mowing of properties in violation of city ordinance. The recommendation of the ordinance committee was to reject the bid and re-advertise. A motion was made by Council Member Behring and seconded by Council Member Merkel to reject the bid by James Meyer Enterprises. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Sheputis advised he had discussed with the code enforcement officer the need to warn a property owner about unsafe items in a yard.

Street Commissioner Chuck Houston thanked the council for allowing him to serve the Palmyra community for 38 years and received acknowledgment and thanks from the council members for his work and dedication.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue stated the open house at the police station went very well with approximately 100 to 150 people touring the building.

Superintendent Brent Abell advised the council BHMG will be advertising for bids for the transformers along with materials and labor to upgrade the west circuit.

Superintendent Abell also mentioned the BPW meeting held earlier in the evening was the last meeting for Board Member Jim Church and the board thanks Mr. Church for his service.

A motion was made by Council Member Salsman and seconded Council Member Sheputis to approve the annual appointments by Mayor Graham. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham advised the council members of the city council committee appointments.

A motion was made by Council Member Smith and seconded by Council Member Salsman to approve the committee appointments by Mayor Graham. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham passed out an e-mail from Ryan Lepene with K2 Towers which proposed an offer of a lump sum payment to extend the current lease agreement for an additional 20 years or September 25, 2051. The topic will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Mayor Graham also advised the council members of the bill that the House passed to abolish breed specific language and suggested any council members who feel the breed specific language should continue to be an option should contact Senator Munzlinger immediately.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:31 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk