

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

June 2, 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: Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman and Pam Behring. Council Member Ken Sheputis and Council Member Josh Smith were absent. Also present were Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Mark Cheffey, Doug Walker, Norm Ellerbrock, Janelle Koch, Ed Husar, Stephanie Cooper, Glenn Griesbaum, Ralph Griesbaum and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the May 18<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Stephanie Cooper, Executor Director of Douglass Community Services, introduced herself and thanked the city for its continued support to the local Head Start program. Ms. Cooper advised the Head Start program will be moving from its current location in the city's park but that Douglass Community Center was asking to continue to use the current location for storage. Mayor Graham asked an approximate time frame the storage would be needed and Ms. Cooper stated between 1 and 2 years. The request will be discussed by the council and Ms. Cooper will be notified of the council's decision.

Janelle Koch brought to the council's attention a few items concerning the closure of Pocahontas at the railroad crossing including emergency personnel and other individuals still traveling the road and needing to turn around when it is determined it is no longer a through street.

Glenn Griesbaum presented to the council surveying and engineering plans for the future development of Greystone Haven subdivision. Mr. Griesbaum advised he had received verbal approval of the plans from the Street Commissioner and Board Superintendent and was asking the council to begin the process to approve of the entire subdivision. A discussion was held concerning the city's subdivision ordinance requirements with City Attorney Chase Hickman answering questions. The city council authorized City Attorney Hickman to begin preparation of the necessary legal documents to approve said subdivision.

Glenn Griesbaum, Ralph Griesbaum, Norm Ellerbrock, Doug Walker, Janelle Koch and Stephanie Cooper exited the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

City Attorney Hickman provided the second reading of Bill #1539 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 100.004 IN CHAPTER 100 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA RELATING TO GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA." A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Behring to pass and approve Bill #1539 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1539 became Ordinance #1176-16-02.

City Attorney Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1540 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING CHAPTER 402 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FOR NET METERING ELECTRIC SERVICE AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM INTEGRATION."

A motion was made by Council Member Behring and seconded by Council Member Merkel to adopt and approve a revision to the Employee Handbook to include language concerning the use of a step scale to assist in determining annual pay increases. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried. The revision will be in Section III under Career Opportunities.

Council Member Salsman reported the Street and Alley Committee had met earlier in the evening to discuss the Greystone Haven subdivision.

Council Member Merkel stated his concerns about the need for inspections throughout the development of all new subdivisions as well as all permitted construction including street cut and utility digs, etc.

Council Member Miller advised contact needs to be made to invite the Palmyra Rural Fire Board to attend a meeting to discuss the possibility of pursuing a fire district.

A discussion was held about different avenues to get Alan Street surfaced and still hold the subdivision contractor liable.

A joint meeting of the city council, park board and PACB will be held at 7:00 p.m., June 15<sup>th</sup> at the Sesquicentennial building at the park to discuss the possibility of a recreation center.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith advised he had been in contact with Bross Construction on the asphaltting of city streets.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue reported the North River Iron Club is sponsoring a tractor drive fundraiser on June 4<sup>th</sup> which will start in Palmyra.

City Clerk Deena Parsons received the council's approval to register two employees to attend the MIRMA annual meeting at the end of July.

Mayor Graham advised the real estate lease with Jackson Park Golf Course had expired and a new lease will be presented for the council's review at the next meeting.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:32 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk