

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

August 10, 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: Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith and Pam Behring. Council Member Nathan Miller was absent. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Ed Husar, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

PUBLIC HEARING: A public hearing to set the property tax rate for 2017 was held. Mayor Graham opened the session and asked for public comment regarding the tax rate. Hearing no comments Mayor Graham declared the public hearing closed.

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

- a. Approval of the July 20th minutes
- b. Approval of the August 3rd special meeting minutes
- c. Bills for Approval.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the emergency reading of Bill #1554 entitled "AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2017." A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to pass and approve Bill #1554 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Salsman, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1554 became Ordinance #1191-17-04.

City Attorney Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1555 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 340.118 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI REGULATING THE OPERATIONS OF UTILITY VEHICLES ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ALLEYS WITHIN THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF."

City Attorney Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1556 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 400.150 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, PROVIDING FOR ZONING REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF."

Consensus of the council was to seek bids from banks within the city limits for the city's banking needs.

Council Member Merkel reported on a police committee meeting where a personnel matter was discussed as well as the temporary suspension of the SRO program at the schools.

Council Member Smith reported on a personnel committee meeting where committee members reviewed the applications for building inspector/code enforcement officer/safety officer. Interviews will be scheduled.

Council Member Sheputis reported he and Council Member Merkel will be meeting with a resident in the first ward concerning storm water runoff.

A street and alley committee meeting will be set to review drawings of a proposed street to connect Elizabeth Avenue to East Main Cross.

Council Member Smith asked the signage be reviewed near the Pixie Field at Flower City Park as he had received concerns about the speed of traffic entering and leaving the city limits.

Council Member Behring mentioned the parking spaces on Main Street to see if the width and length could be adjusted for better visibility at the intersections.

Mark Cheffey entered to meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member Behring reported on the MIRMA annual conference and stated she feels more department heads and elected officials should attend.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith received consensus from the council to put yellow paint on the curbs in the business district that have two steps to the street.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Salsman to authorize Street Commissioner Smith to spend \$62,110.00 to place a storm sewer inlet on the north side of Harry Street as well as asphalt Gene to Oakview, the municipal parking lot and half the cost of Harry Street. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Salsman, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue passed out the results of the community survey.

BPW Superintendent Brent Abell reported there is still interest in the engines; the board did receive the DNR grant for the engineering cost of the pretreatment program; the word "Palmyra" on the water tower at the Palmyra Industrial Park will be painted over and repainted above the mascot at no additional cost; and the engineering on Phase 3 of the electrical circuit upgrade will begin soon with the cost being \$66,600.00.

Street Commissioner Smith received authorization to advertise for sealed bids the sale of the 1978 dump truck.

A motion was made by Salsman and seconded by Smith to allow the fire department to use a broker to sell a 2001 Ford ambulance, relinquish all funds received to the fire protection district and authorize the city clerk to sign the title. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Salsman, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:40 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk