

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

August 20, 2015

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, Nathan Miller and Robert Lovegreen. Also present were Doug Howell, George Crane, David Hastings, Mark and Angela Reid, Chuck Houston, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

**PUBLIC HEARING:** A public hearing to set the property tax rate for 2015 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 Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to approve the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the August 6<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – July.

Doug Howell who lives at 615 West New addressed the council about the water drainage issue along his property as well as George Crane's property located across the street. Mayor Graham reported Street Commissioner Houston had met with MECO Engineering and the council is awaiting a recommendation from the firm.

Mark Reid who lives at 918 Sloan inquired about the infiltration of storm water causing sewer backup problems in his part of town. The council advised Mr. Reid through the repairs made to the lines after the sewer system was cameraed the infiltration has decreased considerably but the board of public works feels there are sump pumps tied to the sewer system and they are discussing ways to address the situation.

David Hastings advised the Heritage Seekers will be holding "Terry Bogener Day" on September 12<sup>th</sup> and asked for the city's support in recognizing Mr. Bogener during homecoming weekend.

Mr. Howell, Mr. and Mrs. Reid and Mr. Hastings left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the emergency reading of Bill #1532 entitled "AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2015". A motion was made by Council Member Lovegreen and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve and adopt Bill #1532 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1532 became Ordinance #1170-15-07.

Council Member Merkel reported on a police committee meeting held earlier in the evening in which new furnishings and window blinds for the new police station were discussed. The committee recommended accepting a bid from Ridders for the furnishings in the sum of \$14,581.24 and a bid from Mr. K's for the blinds in the sum of \$1,574.84. A motion was made by Council Member Lovegreen and seconded by Council Member Sheputis to authorize the purchase of furnishings and blinds for the new police station for a total of \$16,156.08. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Street Commissioner Houston advised the asphaltting contract had been returned to Bross Construction but a start date has not been determined.

Police Chief Bogue reported on a parking issue at the corner of Main and East Olive in which citizens are using the yellow as a parking space. Bogue asked the council to consider reducing the yellow at the

corner and moving the handicap space up in hopes to add an extra parking space for the public. By consensus, the council requested the street department look at making this change.

Mayor Graham mentioned September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month and a proposed resolution to acknowledge the children fighting the disease will be on the next council agenda.

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

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk