

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

August 25, 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: A public hearing to set the property tax rate for 2016 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.

The following council members answered roll call: Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith and Pam Behring. Also present were Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Tim Barnes, Charlie Erwin, Jane Rushford, Fred Latimer, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the August 11th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – July.

Charlie Erwin passed out a map and asked the council to consider vacating Hinds Avenue which is a portion of Marion Hills Subdivision and affects the possible development of four lots. After discussing the matter at length, the council was willing to review the topic if the subdivision plat could be amended to make the current platted lots into a single lot. Mr. Hickman was asked to look into the matter and Mr. Erwin was asked to attend the next council meeting.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the emergency reading of Bill #1545 entitled "AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2016". A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to approve and adopt Bill #1545 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1545 became Ordinance #1182-16-08.

Council Member Salsman reported on a Street & Alley committee meeting in which vacating Hinds Avenue was discussed.

The date of September 20th was set for the council to interview a representative from MECO Engineering and a representative from Klingner & Associates concerning the city's storm water problems.

A discussion was held concerning the city mowing private property. The consensus of the council was a summons to city court will be issued each time the city mows any private property.

At the request of Council Member Smith, Superintendent Brent Abell will look into additional street lighting along South Spring.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue mentioned the active shooter training to take place on August 30th and the CASA Bubble Run to take place on August 27th.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Superintendent Abell's request to purchase supplies for the water line extension to Greystone Haven Subdivision from HD Supply in the sum of \$28, 447.86. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Sheputis, Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith and Behring. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham mentioned a meeting the city had with the Palmyra Rural Fire Department concerning implementing a protection district. Steps are being taken to place the topic on the April ballot.

Mayor Graham also mentioned trash totes being left at the curb on Main Street throughout the business district.

Superintendent Abell invited the council to a retirement party for Chris Carlstead and Roger Mastin on August 31st.

Mayor Graham mentioned the dedication of Tom Boland Highway will take place on August 31st at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:58 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk