

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

September 7, 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: Jeff Merkel, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring and Ken Sheputis. Council Member Nathan Miller was absent. Also present was Lynn Smith, Ron Peer, Derek Feldmann, Brian Feldmann, Matt Boyle, Mark Cheffey, Ed Husar, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the August 24th minutes
- b. Approval of the August 31st special meeting minutes
- c. Bills for Approval.

The council listened to a presentation from Derek Feldmann with Liberty National concerning employee benefits. Derek Feldmann, Brian Feldmann and Matt Boyle exited the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the second reading of Bill #1557 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING FILING OF APPLICATION WITH THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION (FERC) BY THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION (MJMEUC) ON BEHALF OF PALMYRA (CITY), A MEMBER CITY OF MJMEUC, FOR WAIVERS UNDER THE PUBLIC UTILITY REGULATORY POLICIES ACT OF 1978 (PURPA) FOR FACILITIES GREATER THAN 20MW AND EXEMPTING CITY FROM PURCHASE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING QUALIFYING FACILITIES AND ADOPTING RULES FOR COMPLIANCE WITH FERC'S PURPA REGULATIONS." A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Salsman to pass and approve Bill #1557 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1557 became Ordinance #1194-17-07.

City Attorney Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1558 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205.020 OF THE CITY CODE OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, REGULATING DOGS AND CATS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF."

The council will request a quote from Gilmore & Bell to assist with proposed ballot language on two sales tax issues. The goal is to find funding for the citywide storm water project.

The street department was asked to "yellow" for no parking one space on the west side of Main Street at the corner of Main and Church in front of Schoenborn Tax for better visibility.

Council Member Behring reported the Veteran brick laying will take place on November 12th at 2:00 p.m. and PACB is looking into refurbishing the Palmyra arrow sign on U.S. Highway 61.

Council Member Sheputis mentioned he had been approached about obtaining approval to paint "Palmyra" or some slogan on the new overpass. Sheputis also mentioned he feels the building inspector's first priority should be grass/weed enforcement.

A motion was made by Council Member Salsman and seconded by Council Member Merkel to accept Chester Bross Construction Company's bid of \$81,325.00 for the South Dickerson extension. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith reported the dirt work at Well Lake is almost complete and the representative from Seepage Control will be in town on September 25th.

Mayor Graham advised he had a meeting with Phynx Fiber out of Auxvasse, Missouri, about bringing fiber optic to the residents of Palmyra. The company will be asked to present to the council.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:59 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk