

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

September 21, 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: Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel and Nathan Miller. Also present was Eddie Bogue, Chuck Anderson, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald, Ed Husar, Chase Hickman, Jim and Michele Brown, Josh and Kim Lackey, Marvin and Libby Evans, Ryan Shade, Stephen Lovegreen, Jim and Marge Lovegreen, Caleb Juetter and Stacey Juetter, Sue Wenneker, Karma Hurst, Ed Wenneker, Kris Sutter, Robert Lovegreen, Randy and Sarah Donath, Rhonda Dodd, Michelle Merkel and Jim Davis.

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: Salsman, Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the September 7<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – August.

Mayor Graham welcomed Caleb Juetter who was attending the meeting to work towards his communication badge with the Boy Scouts.

Libby Evans and Jim Brown along with a few additional visitors addressed the council about safety concerns in their neighborhood because of a single family dwelling now be used as a residential home for mentally and physically handicapped individuals. A proposed list of questions will be dropped off at city hall that the elected officials and employees will answer. Jim and Michele Brown, Josh and Kim Lackey, Marvin and Libby Evans, Ryan Shade, Stephen Lovegreen, Jim and Marge Lovegreen, Sue Wenneker, Karma Hurst, Ed Wenneker, Kris Sutter, Robert Lovegreen, Randy and Sarah Donath, Rhonda Dodd, Michelle Merkel and Jim Davis exited the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the seconded 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." A motion was made by Council Member Salsman and seconded by Council Member Smith to pass and approve Bill #1558 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Salsman, Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel and Miller. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1558 became Ordinance #1195-07-08.

Council Member Behring mentioned the training held earlier in the week and how helpful it was.

Council Member Sheputis mentioned the sample ballot language prepared by Gilmore & Bell for the proposed increase in capital improvement tax. The consensus of the council was to authorize City Attorney Hickman to contact Shannon Creighton of Gilmore & Bell to obtain clarification on the wording.

Mayor Graham welcomed Chuck Anderson to the city. Mr. Anderson will be the city's building inspector/code enforcement officer – safety officer.

Mayor Graham will be hosting a public meeting on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to begin the planning for the city's bicentennial celebration to be held in 2019.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to go into closed session for real estate. The roll call vote was as follows: Salsman-real estate; Smith-real estate; Behring-real estate; Sheputis-real estate; Merkel-real estate; and Miller-real estate. Nays: none. The motion carried. The visitors exited the meeting and the council entered into closed session at 7:41 p.m.

Following a motion during closed session to adjourn and enter back into open session, the council entered back into open session at 8:10 p.m. at which time a general discussion was held concerning the residential home on East Ross.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:31 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk