

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

October 5, 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: Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis, Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller and Andrew Salsman. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Chuck Anderson, Jeff Arp, Kris Sutter, Taylor Bock, 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: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the September 21st minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Jeff Arp, Loss Control Specialist for MIRMA, advised the council of a grant award for the police department for a dash car camera. The grant will reimburse the city 75% of the cost. Mr. Arp exited the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Kris Sutter addressed the council concerning the residential group home located on East Ross. Mrs. Sutter answered questions and advised the State of Missouri requires that a second resident be placed at the home. Mrs. Sutter and Ms. Bock exited the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Graham reported on a meeting he had with Jim Brown about the residential home. Mayor Graham asked the ordinance committee to review options in restricting the number of residential homes per ward.

City Attorney Chase Hickman did not have an opportunity to contact Gilmore & Bell concerning the proposed language on the capital improvement sales tax ordinance.

A safety committee meeting was scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on October 12th. A house committee meeting was scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on October 19th. A finance committee meeting was scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on October 19th.

City Attorney Hickman was asked to prepare a contract between the city and the Palmyra Fire Protection District outlining the District's use of the city building beginning in 2018.

Council Member Behring reported PACB's project for the old C&R building looks favorable. Council Member Behring will be getting a hold of Brent Abell to assist in taking down the Palmyra arrow sign on the highway so it may be refurbished.

The consensus of the council was for Street Commissioner Lynn Smith and Building Inspector Chuck Anderson to work together in demolishing the old head start building this winter.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to hire Tischer Masonry Construction in the sum of \$2,320.00 to tuck point and repair portions of the old police station behind city hall. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Sheputis to transfer \$17,460.00 from the General Fund to the Well Fund to cover the current outstanding bills pertaining to the lake repair. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Smith to accept the low bid of \$24,500.00 from Cramsey Masonry & Concrete to tuck point and repair the stone arch on North Main along with authorizing City Attorney Hickman to send a letter to MoDOT concerning the repair and the city not taking ownership of the stone arch. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Salsman. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue advised over the past 10 years the police department had received approximately \$150,000.00 in grant awards to assist with the purchase of equipment.

Mayor Graham advised he plans to review and make recommendations of new board members for Planning & Zoning and then ask the board to begin meeting and look at updating the city's zoning.

Mayor Graham also reported DNR will be hosting a pesticide collection at the Palmyra Recycle Center on May 19, 2018.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith to enter into closed session for litigation/real estate. The roll call vote was as follows: Smith-litigation/real estate; Behring-litigation/real estate; Sheputis-litigation/real estate; Merkel-litigation/real estate; Miller-litigation/real estate; and Salsman-litigation/real estate. Nays: none. The motion carried. The visitors exited the meeting and the council entered into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Following a motion during closed session to adjourn and enter back into open session, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:47 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk