

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

November 5, 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 Chuck Houston, Eddie Bogue, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis 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 Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the October 22nd minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

The list of city projects were briefly discussed.

Mayor Graham advised the Agreement with the library will be signed soon and the library will begin paying for electric, water and sewer utilities at the buildings as of January 2016.

The rezoning request for Marion Hills Subdivision was withdrawn.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the emergency reading of Bill #1534 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, TO SIGN AN MPUA MUTUAL AID PROGRAM AGREEMENT." A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to pass and approve Bill #1534 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1534 became Ordinance #1172-15-09.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1534 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 210 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA REGULATING THE GROWTH OF WEEDS, GRASS, OR POISONOUS OR HARMFUL VEGETATION, AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATIONS THEREOF."

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Behring to approve the bid by American Glass for the lobby security at city hall in the sum of \$4,620.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Smith, Behring, Sheputis, Merkel, Miller and Lovegreen. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Smith reported on a Personnel Committee meeting held on October 27th in which the drug and alcohol policy was reviewed along with the annual evaluations and a step scale for pay. The proposed drug and alcohol policy was provided to City Attorney Hickman for his review. The committee recommended to continue with the annual employee evaluations and tie the evaluations to pay. The Personnel Committee and the Finance Committee will discuss the step scale.

Council Member Behring reported the PACB brick laying ceremony will take place on November 8th as well as PACB is considering hiring a consulting firm to survey the community about the proposed recreation center.

Council Member Miller mentioned proposed changes to the current bid policy. The policy was given to City Attorney Hickman for review.

Street Commissioner Chuck Houston suggested adding to the event application form the use of chalk only to mark streets and sidewalks. Street Commissioner Houston also asked the council to consider increasing the cost of a street cut along with private use of the burn site.

Police Chief Eddie Bogue reported the flag pole for the new police station was ordered as well as the prisoner bench and furniture having been received.

A brief discussion was held concerning the demolition of 115 E. Olive and the possibility of advertising to salvage items located within the home.

A motion was made by Council Member Lovegreen and seconded by Council Member Sheputis to enter into closed session for real estate. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Josh Smith – Real Estate; Pam Behring – Real Estate; Ken Sheputis – Real Estate; Jeff Merkel – Real Estate; Nathan Miller – Real Estate; and Robert Lovegreen – Real Estate. The motion carried. Guests left the council chambers and the council entered into closed session at 7:52 p.m.

Following a motion during closed session to adjourn and enter back into open session, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, City Clerk