

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

December 1, 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. The following council members answered roll call: Jeff Merkel, Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring and Ken Sheputis. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Gary Crane, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the November 17<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Fire Chief Gary Crane reported the petition to form a fire protection district will be heard by Judge Shepherd on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. If the petition is approved, it would allow the subject to be placed on the April 4<sup>th</sup> ballot along with 5 candidates for board members. The initial board members would be Howard Disselhorst, Andy Bross, Alan Browning, Nathan Miller and Darren Heimer. Chief Crane exited the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Mayor Graham mentioned there will be a ceremony at the Marion County Courthouse on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 p.m. honoring the fallen soldiers at Pearl Harbor.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to adopt Resolution #2016-04 setting the 2017 General election date and candidate filing dates. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1549 entitled "AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING A CUSTODIAN OF RECORDS AND ADOPTING A SUNSHINE LAW POLICY IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 610.010 TO 610.030 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI REGARDING RELEASE OF INFORMATION ON ANY MEETING, RECORD OR VOTE."

City Attorney Hickman provided the first reading of Bill #1550 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER 210A, OFFENSES, OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, COUNTY OF MARION, STATE OF MISSOURI; AND PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE."

Council Member Miller reported on a Finance Committee meeting in which the 2017 employee health insurance renewal was received. The city's third party administrator recommended Fidelity for the reinsurance policy and with this change the city will experience an approximate 9.3% increase overall. A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Behring to accept Group Benefit Services' proposed renewal for the employee health insurance plan and authorize the city clerk to execute the necessary documents to have the plan in place by January 1, 2017. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith to close city offices at 12:00 p.m., Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> in observance of the Christmas holiday. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: Merkel. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to authorize Mayor Graham to execute a contract in the sum of \$76,400.00 with BHMG Engineers to begin the engineering for upgrading of the north circuit. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith advised he had met with Mark Bross of Klingner & Associates and viewed areas of concern for storm water drainage within the city limits.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Salsman to authorize Mayor Graham to execute a contract in the sum of \$24,350.00 with Four Points Land Surveying & Engineering to provide engineering on a mandatory pretreatment program for the oxidation plant. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Smith to split the cost of purchasing new LED blue bulbs for the Christmas lights over Main Street which the city's portion would be \$2,013.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Merkel, Miller, Smith, Behring and Sheputis. Nays: None. Council Member Salsman abstained from voting. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham reported council members attending the November Park Board meeting to discuss Well Lake not holding water. For fiscal year 2017-18, the city will be budgeting funds to assist in the necessary repairs for Well Lake to hold water.

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

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk