

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

December 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: Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Ken Sheputis and Jeff Merkel. Council Member Pam Behring was absent. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Chuck Anderson, Mark Cheffey, Trevor McDonald, Ed Husar and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the November 16th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval.

Mayor Graham advised he is looking for five Palmyra residents to consider appointing to the Planning & Zoning Board.

Council Member Sheputis reported he had spoken with the city's IT specialist about going paperless for the council packets. The city will be receiving a quote but it looks like the cost will be approximately \$1,000.00 per device.

City Attorney Hickman provided the second reading of Bill #1564 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 200.100 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA PERTAINING TO MUNICIPAL COURT." A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Salsman to pass and approve Bill #1564 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1564 became Ordinance #1200-17-13.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Smith to approve Resolution #2017-07 in reference to a change in the Employee Handbook concerning "Pay Schedule". The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Miller reported on the health insurance renewal and the proposed cost increase. A motion was made by Council Member Miller and seconded by Council Member Merkel to accept Group Benefit Service's 2018 renewal and the recommended rate structure. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith advised the South Dickerson Street project and the Alan/Gene Street project were complete.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Miller to purchase a 2018 Ford Explorer (police squad) from Lovegreen Motor off state bid including the purchase of equipment and installation for \$34,531.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried. The police department will be trading in the 2009 and 2011 Chevrolet Impalas.

The consensus of the council was to allow Police Chief Eddie Bogue to explore a possible grant through USDA Rural Development for the funding of new mobile and portable radios.

A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Salsman to enter into closed session for real estate. The roll call vote was as follows: Miller-real estate; Salsman-real estate; Smith-real estate; Sheputis-real estate and Merkel-real estate. Nays: none. The motion carried. The visitors exited the meeting and the council entered into closed session at 7:25 p.m.

Following a motion during closed session to adjourn, the council entered back into open session at 8:13 p.m.

A brief discussion was held concerning the building located at 101-103 South Main and the city's options concerning the nuisance abatement.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk