

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

December 15, 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: Nathan Miller, Andrew Salsman, Josh Smith, Pam Behring, Ken Sheputis and Jeff Merkel. Also present was Lynn Smith, Eddie Bogue, Brent Abell, Joseph Roberts, Jayson Herberlein, Jane Rushford, Clay Thornburg, 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: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the December 1st minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – November.

Joseph Roberts, Manager of Municipal Services for Republic Services, introduced himself and advised he has been assigned the Quincy region and will be the city's contact for contract negotiations and bidding of services. Mr. Roberts and Mr. Herberlein exited the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

Clay Thornburg advised the council of the goal of his new business United Vitality Health which is to research the cause of cancer in Northeast Missouri especially in the Palmyra area. Mr. Thornburg exited the meeting at 7:08 p.m.

City Attorney Chase Hickman provided the second 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." A motion was made by Council Member Salsman and seconded by Council Member Behring to pass and approve Bill #1549 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1549 became Ordinance #1186-16-12.

City Attorney Hickman provided the second 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." A motion was made by Council Member Sheputis and seconded by Council Member Merkel to pass and approve Bill #1550 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Miller, Salsman, Smith, Behring, Sheputis and Merkel. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1550 became Ordinance #1187-16-13.

Council Member Smith reported on a Personnel Committee meeting in which a shared leave policy and the current clothing allowance was discussed. The committee will meet again to prepare proposed language for the shared leave policy and continue discussions on the clothing allowance policy. Also, the committee has recommend to look at the city's holiday schedule each January and set specific days city offices will be closed.

Street Commissioner Lynn Smith advised a meeting with MoDOT had been scheduled for Friday, December 16th at 1:00 p.m. at city hall to discuss the culvert on North Main.

City Attorney Hickman advised the council of a pending lawsuit where the city has been named a defendant. The paperwork was sent to MIRMA and a defense attorney has been assigned. Hickman stated in his opinion the city's portion of the lawsuit has no merit.

Mayor Graham reminded the council members of open filing for the April election.

Council meeting dates for the next few months were set as follows:

January: 12th and 26th
February: 9th and 23rd
March: 9th and 23rd.

Mayor Graham made mention that the library had requested a document from the city stating if any code violation is found the library would have up to 2 years to remedy the issue. The consensus of the council was not to provide such a document and to deed the buildings to the library district at the next council meeting.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:04 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk