

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

July 3, 2025

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in the Palmyra Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Alan R. Adrian presiding. Council Steve Bland opened the meeting with an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance recited, and the following council members answered roll call: Brock Fahy, Zach Jones, Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, and Rex Thomas. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Brent Abell, Joe Schaffer, Maria Kuhns, Ella Aguilar, and James Lemon.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Fahy to approve the consent agenda. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the June 19th minutes
- b. City – Bills for Approval
- c. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #86489 {N. Dickerson/Golf Course Detention}
- d. Bleigh Construction Company – Pay Request #1 {N. Dickerson/Golf Course Detention}
- e. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #86378 {Water System Improvements}
- f. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #86491 {Sewer System Improvements}

Emily Smart, Senior Project Manager with Eocene, entered the meeting at 7:06 p.m.

Executive Director Maria Kuhns of HREDC addressed the council and advised HREDC has been working with MoDOT on the expressway development and upgrades to Highway 61 in Marion County and Ralls County. MoDOT is willing to share the cost to move these projects forward. To obtain the two County's portion of the funding, a petition for a half cent sales tax will be presented to the vote of the people in Marion and Ralls counties that will sunset when the debt is paid in full. This is the same method used to finance the improvements to Highway 36.

Project Manager Emily Smart provided an update on the Brownfield grant to fund environmental testing of properties in the Marion-Ralls Regional Port Authority region. Palmyra has approximately seven properties that would qualify for Phase I testing through this grant. The grant would also assist with the civil design/drawings to redevelop blighted properties.

Executive Director Kuhns and Project Manager Smart answered questions and left the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

A discussion was held between the elected officials, Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger, and Joe Schaffer on the drainage issue off Martha Street. Street Commissioner Dornberger reported that to remove the concrete ditch and seed it with grass would cost between \$5,000 and \$6,000. To remove the concrete and line the area with a riprap rock would cost approximately \$7,000. Curb and guttering were discussed, and Dornberger was asked to look at records and see if a curb was ever at that location. Mr. Schaffer left the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

City Attorney James Lemon reported the pole attachment agreement with Charter has been signed and received. A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Jones authorizing Mayor Adrian to execute said pole attachment agreement with Charter on behalf of the City. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Lemon provided the first reading of Bill #1656 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE I, GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 130, TAXATION AND FINANCE, ARTICLE I, SALES TAX, BY INCORPORATING THE EXISTING CITYWIDE SALES TAX ORDINANCE INTO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA.”

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve a bid by Wiskirchen Electric, Inc., to remove the exterior metal walls and install new metal at the Palmyra Recycle Center for the sum of \$19,950.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Fahy to accept the quote by BHMG Engineers, Inc., in the amount of \$26,300.00 for an electrical rate study and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute the contract. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Fahy advised he will be scheduling a finance committee meeting soon. Council Member Thornburg stated a personnel committee meeting will be held at the same time.

Council Member Fahy reported Chariton Valley fiber is currently being installed within Flower City Park.

Street Commissioner Dornberger advised the council a change order on the North Dickerson Street project will be coming from Bleigh Construction as the riprap rock for the south side of the ditch where the sewer line was relocated was not included in the bid specs.

The audio speaker for the council room will be used until the expiration of the demo contract and then the council will discuss the purchase of the speaker.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Jones to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2), RSMo. and admit City Clerk Deena Parsons and City Attorney James Lemon. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors and employees left the council chambers, and the council entered closed session at 8:20 p.m.

After a motion to adjourn in closed session, and with no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Jones at 8:28 p.m.

Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk