

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

July 17, 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 Member Zach Jones opened the meeting with an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the following council members answered roll call: Zach Jones, Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, Rex Thomas, and Brock Fahy. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Brent Abell, Kyle Brennemann, Alexia Gonzalez (MECO Engineering), Eddie Kamm, and James Lemon.

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

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

- a. Approval of July 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes
- b. City – Bills for Approval
- c. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #86738 {Water System Improvements}
- d. Financial Report – June

Unfinished Business:

- a. The combined policy and procedure book is being reviewed one last time by the department heads prior to submitting the same for council approval.
- b. Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger met with Joe Schaffer and Shawn Kiefaber at the property concerning the drainage issue. Everyone agreed to the removal of the 30 feet of sidewalk closest to the farm ground, level and widen the basin, and add riprap rock to slow the water. Any excess dirt will be applied to the erosion area by Shawn Kiefaber. The estimated cost would be between \$3,500 to \$4,000.00.
- c. A joint finance committee and personnel committee meeting will be scheduled.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the second 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 Jones and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve and adopt Bill #1656 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, and Fahy. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1656 became Ordinance #1291-25-08.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve Bleigh Construction Change Order No. 1 on the North Dickerson Street culvert project to include clearing of brush, grading the slope, and installing riprap rock to the ditch between North Dickerson Street and Main Street for \$34,554.00 and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute the same. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, and Fahy. Nays: None. The motion carried. This cost will be paid by the City.

Council Member Bland reported on a police committee meeting where the procedures, transparency portal, and photos of system were reviewed and discussed. The committee’s discussion of the overall flock cameras here in Palmyra is that this is a necessary tool for public safety and that with the procedures in place and the transparency portal available to the public, we are satisfied that the privacy of our community will be safeguarded through these actions.

Council Member Fahy advised he would like to see education materials sent out for public awareness like tips for reducing utility cost and the availability of receiving utility bills by e-mail. Fahy would like to see the cost associated with online payments and see if there is a way to assist the residents with this fee. Fahy mentioned and thanked Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Brennemann and Superintendent Brent Abell for a code violation in 1<sup>st</sup> Ward where a plan has been put in place. Chariton Valley presented a check to the City for the Warren Head Business Park billboard.

Council Member Thornburg mentioned the MoDOT resurfacing of Main Street and how unsafe the project was handled.

Council Member Thomas thanked Chief Mike Baker for his department’s educational articles. Thomas advised the council of his concern about e-bikes being on city streets.

Mayor Adrian asked the council to consider having an engineering firm conduct structural surveys of additional properties on Main Street.

Mayor Adrian reported on a meeting he attended concerning the interchange and outer road system for Palmyra. MoDOT has placed this project on its 10-year plan with the goal of the project moving forward by 2035. Palmyra’s road needs will be part of the improvements of Marion County-Ralls County road system. To pay for a portion of the costs, a Transportation Development District tax will be placed on a ballot for a vote by the people.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Jones at 8:24 p.m.

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Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk