

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

August 21, 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 Steve Bland opened the meeting with an Invocation.

Public Hearing: Mayor Adrian opened the public hearing for the 2025 tax rate at 7:02 p.m. Not hearing any comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the following council members answered roll call: Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, Rex Thomas, and Brock Fahy. Council Member Zach Jones was absent. Also in attendance were Mike Baker, Brent Abell, Kyle Brennemann, Alexia Gonzalez (MECO Engineering), and James Lemon.

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

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

- a. Approval of the August 7<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Bleigh Construction – Pay Request #2 {CDBG-N Dickerson/Golf Course}
- d. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #87157 {DNR-Water System Improvements}
- e. Financial Report – July

Council Member Thornburg advised he had spoken with two residents in Ward II, including Roberta Thomas, who reported concerns of a feline problem. Thornburg stated the ordinance committee will be looking into the issue and addressing where the cats are living.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the second reading of Bill #1657 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE I, GOVERNMENT CODE, CHAPTER 130, TAXATION AND FINANCE, ARTICLE I, SALES TAX, BY INCORPORATING THE EXISTING CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT SALES TAX ORDINANCE INTO THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA.” A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thornburg to approve Bill #1657 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, and Fahy. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1657 became Ordinance #1292-25-09.

City Attorney Lemon provided the emergency reading of Bill #1658 entitled “AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2025.” A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve Bill #1658 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, and Fahy. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1658 became Ordinance #1293-25-10.

City Attorney Lemon provided the first reading of Bill #1659 entitled “AN ORDINANCE CREATING A NEW SECTION 355.110 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, PROHIBITING THE PLACEMENT OF A SHIPPING OR STORAGE CONTAINER OR “POD” ON THE STREETS OR ALLEYS OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA.”

City Attorney Lemon provided the first reading of Bill #1660 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS OF TITLE IV, ZONING CODE, CHAPTER 400, ZONING REGULATIONS AND FURTHER CREATING CHAPTER 413, REGULATIONS FOR ZERO LOT LINE ZONED SUBDIVISIONS.”

Council Member Thomas reported on an ordinance committee meeting. The committee is continuing to work on the parking of trailers on streets and the ordinance concerning planting of trees, etc., under electrical lines and near streets/sidewalks.

Council Member Fahy reported he had been working with Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger and Superintendent Brent Abell on a stormwater issue and infrastructure placement issue for a resident in Ward I. Fahy also advised the Brownfield assessments are moving forward.

Mayor Adrian stated he had received two access agreements for Brownfield to enter the grounds at the power plant and Recycle Center. The consensus of the council was for Mayor Adrian to move forward with signing both agreements.

Council Member Thornburg stated along with looking into the cat problem, he would be asking the elected officials to address the stormwater problem on Elizabeth Avenue.

Council Member Meyers reported that Long Creative Painting had looked at the repair and paint needs to city hall, and a quote is pending.

Police Chief Mike Baker advised he will be contacting an H-Vac company to look at the ventilation at the police department because of the mold.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve the Board of Public Works' request to purchase a pickup from Lovegreen Ford in the amount of \$51,202.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, and Fahy. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Chief Baker stated the three squads have been sold through Purple Wave and the City will be receiving \$14,100.00.

Mayor Adrian reported that Warren Head Business Park has been granted Missouri Certified Site status. A press release is pending.

Navigate Building Solutions and a second company, Gordinier, will be asked to present to the council how each company can assist with the projects.

By consensus, the council authorized Mayor Adrian to sign a Proclamation for a Purple Heart City.

A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Fahy to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1)(12), RSMo. and admit the elected officials, City Attorney James Lemon, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, and Fahy. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting, and the council entered closed session at 8:05 p.m.

After a motion in closed session to enter open session, and with no further business before the council, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:23 p.m.

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Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk