

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 15, 2026

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: Brock Fahy, Zach Jones, Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, and Rex Thomas. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Brent Abell, Kyle Brennemann, Alexia Gonzalez, Eddie Kamm, Roth McElvain, and James Lemon.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland 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 Thomas 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 December 18th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval – January 5th and January 15th
- c. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #89068 {MoDOT TAP Grant}
- d. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #89060 {Hutcherson Trail Grant}
- e. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #89059 {DNR-Sewer System Improvements}

Unfinished Business –

- a. Joe Schaffer – drainage issue – locates have been called in and the project is set to start on January 20th.
- b. Palmyra Police Department – mold issue – the street department will be tearing out the old drywall and insulation. The street department will also install new insulation and drywall and do as much of the project as possible.
- c. On-Call Engineering Contract – City Attorney James Lemon is working with Klingner & Associates.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the second reading of Bill #1672 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 355.100 PARKING OF CERTAIN VEHICLES PROHIBITED, OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA.” A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Meyers to approve and adopt Bill #1672 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1672 became Ordinance #1307-26-01.

City Attorney Lemon provided the second reading of Bill #1673 entitled “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 100 GENERAL PROVISIONS, ARTICLE II, IN GENERAL BY ADDING A NEW SECTION 100.100 REGARDING ACCESSIBLE AREAS OF CITY HALL AND OTHER GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS.” A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve and adopt Bill #1673 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1673 became Ordinance #1308-26-02.

A motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Bland to authorize Mayor Adrian to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement regarding the Palmyra raw water project with Marion County. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

The renewal options with RingCentral for the city’s phone system were discussed. Council Member Fahy and Council Member Thornburg requested the cost be negotiated. A meeting will be set up with the City’s IT consultant.

The elected officials received general information from City Attorney Lemon regarding the “entertainment” machines (gambling machines) that are in local businesses. The money produced through these machines is taxable income. A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Jones to pursue the collection of tax from these machines and authorize the issuance of a letter to the business owners. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger was asked to work with Engineer Mark Bross of Klingner & Associates to obtain a preliminary engineering plan and costs for implementation of a retention pond by the Palmyra Middle School.

Council Member Fahy advised he will be setting budget meetings soon.

Council Member Bland provided a report from the board meeting held earlier in the evening.

Council Member Thornburg advised he had received information from his ward that the problem with cats was increasing. He will be looking into the city’s options.

Street Commissioner Dornberger reported the contacts with property owners for the sidewalk easements have been put on hold as the City needs to obtain one more approval from MoDOT.

Superintendent Brent Abell advised the hold up in setting a Planning & Zoning meeting to review the Greystone Haven Subdivision plat is the implementation of a HOA which must be done by the contractor.

Superintendent Abell reported that MECO Engineering will be evaluating the substation because of high voltage readings.

Mayor Adrian provided the elected officials with information from the Main Street Palmyra committee, and the July council meetings were set for the 9th and 23rd.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(12), RSMo. and admit the elected officials, City Attorney James Lemon, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the council entered closed session at 8:00 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 by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Bland at 8:32 p.m.

Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk