

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

March 19, 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. Mayor Adrian opened the meeting with an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the following council members answered roll call: Rex Thomas, Brock Fahy, Zach Jones, Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, and Earl Meyers. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Kyle Brennemann, Pete Dames, Dustin Smith, Doug Meyers, Terry Robertson, Kelly Walotka, Eddie Kamm, Alexia Gonzalez, 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: Thomas, Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, and Meyers. 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: Thomas, Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, and Meyers. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes – March 5<sup>th</sup>
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – February.

Terry Robertson addressed the council on concerns with moving away from small community values, the new trailer ordinance, side-by-sides being driven by minors, and stormwater issues.

Council Member Fahy reported the council is waiting on a quote from Zoom for the transfer of the phone system, but it is moving forward. Fahy advised the process of moving all security cameras to one central access portal will be done in phases as it will take new equipment. Fahy also asked the finance committee to review the current credit card policy for possible revisions.

The elected officials discussed the statement of qualifications provided by three engineering firms interested in the MoDOT TAP grant project for the replacement of the sides on the west side of South Main. A motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Fahy to approve Klingner & Associates as the engineering firm to design and oversee the sidewalk replacement project partially funded by a MoDOT TAP grant for the 100, 200, and 300 Blocks of South Main west side. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, and Meyers. Nays: None. The motion carried. Council Member Thomas thanked Alexia Gonzalez from MECO for the submission and thanked her for attending the meetings.

A discussion was held on the amount of funding the city plans to budget for fiscal year 2027 for economic development. The finance committee is recommending \$10,000.00 while Mayor Adrian is leaning towards \$20,000.00. The elected officials were asked to provide their opinion.

A motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve the quote from SN Partners in the sum of \$21,600.00 for the trade of two mowers for Parks & Recreation. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, and Meyers. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to accept the quote from Byrne & Jones Sports Construction in the amount of \$132,000.00 to upgrade the infield at Foster Field. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, and Meyers. Nays: None. The motion carried. The cost will be paid out of the proceeds received from the Estate of Lucille Foster.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the first reading of Bill #1675 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 105.160 OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, INCREASING THE SUBSTITUTE FRANCHISE FEE FROM 3% TO 5%."

Council Member Thornburg advised the personnel committee will be meeting to discuss employee evaluations.

Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger advised the property owner on Martha where the city made minor drainage revisions has received a quote from Branching Out to repair and reseed the area disturbed during this project. The quote was in the amount of \$900.00 and the property owner asked for the city's assistance in paying the same. By consensus, the council approved the cost.

A discussion on the structure and safety of commercial buildings on Main Street was held. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Brennemann was asked to obtain an engineering quote for the assessment of four buildings.

Electrical Manager Pete Dames updated the council on the status of job descriptions, the purchase of a digger truck, outages from the most recent windstorm, electrical pole changeouts, and a small expansion of commercial units in the Palmyra Industrial Park.

Water/Wastewater Manger Dustin Smith reported the touch screen for the UV system at the wastewater plant needs replaced and the new unit has been shipped. Smith has been working on identifying the foaming issue at the plant and has also scheduled Missouri Rural Water Associate to perform water leak detection in Palmyra.

Mayor Adrian received the council's authorization to allow Jackson Park Golf Course to pour a concrete pad with block walls just west of the south building at the Palmyra Recycle Center for sand.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1)(12)(13), RSMo. and admit the elected officials, City Attorney James Lemon, Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Jones, Bland, Thornburg, and Meyers. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the council entered closed session at 8:20 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 Meyers at 8:40 p.m.

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Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk