

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

April 2, 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: Zach Jones, Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, and Rex Thomas. Council Member Brock Fahy was absent. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Kyle Brennemann, Dustin Smith, Eddie Kamm, 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: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. 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, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes – March 19<sup>th</sup>
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Klingner & Associates – LPA Invoice #7 {MoDOT TAP Grant}
- d. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #90316 {MoDOT TAP Grant – easements}
- e. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #90390 {Middle School Detention Basin}
- f. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #90324 {Sewer System Improvements}

There was nothing new to report on unfinished business.

The council was made aware of the finance chair's approval to order eight new iPads for the elected officials and city attorney for the cost of \$3,731.12. This was a budgeted expenditure for FY2027.

The council was advised the SN Noble, a/k/a Sydenstricker, will no longer have in-house charge accounts. The council did not want to apply for a John Deere Financial multi-use charge account and advised the department heads to use the city provided credit card or locate a different vendor for parts and services.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to authorize amending the current fiscal year's budget by moving \$5,000.00 from the police task force expense line item to the police equipment expense line item. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the second 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%". A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Meyers to approve and adopt Bill #1675 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1675 became Ordinance #1310-26-04.

Council Member Bland reported on a police committee meeting where the upcoming budget, the Blue Shield grant, and the department's training schedule were discussed. Bland advised the traffic camera no longer works and Chief Baker has asked to remove it from inventory.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to declare the police traffic camera as surplus and authorize the disposal of this piece of equipment. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Jones reported on a street and alley committee meeting where the street department's budget, employee overview, and the replacement list for sidewalk and gutter installation were discussed. The council discussed the possibility of adding an additional employee to the street department along with the use of a part-time retiree. The council also discussed contractors wanting to borrow the City's curb forms so the pour would match the current profile.

Council Member Jones mentioned the Chamber of Commerce wanting to purchase banners to be placed on the City's current historical light poles and the need to update the banner brackets.

Council Member Bland provided a summary for Interim Electrical Manager Pete Dames concerning the electrical department.

Council Member Meyers informed the council that the Nutrition Center will be removing the carpet by the ramp and installing a covering with an epoxy finish.

Council Member Thomas offered to assist Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith with talking to the residents on Thompson concerning the needed sewer easements.

Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger advised old truck 1 will be placed on the Purple Wave online auction for the month of April.

City Attorney Lemon reported that Street Commissioner Dornberger had a very productive meeting with the Conner family and Lemon has been advised the case is close to settlement. He is waiting for a settlement proposal from the defense attorney.

Mayor Adrian reported he had been working on bringing a small data center to Palmyra, holding leadership training for supervisors in 2027, and discussing business license requirements with other municipalities. Mayor Adrian was also approached by a resident who was concerned about hazardous materials being parked on the street.

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 council, City Attorney James Lemon, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Jones, Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, and Thomas. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the council entered closed session at 8:29 p.m.

After a motion in closed session to enter open session and With no further business before the council, motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Meyers at 8:42 p.m.

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Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk