

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

April 16, 2026

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Adrian opened the public hearing concerning the budgets for General & Street, Board of Public Works, and Parks & Recreation for fiscal year 2026-2027 at 7:00 p.m. Hearing no comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:01 p.m.

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: Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, Rex Thomas, Brock Fahy, and Zach Jones. Also, in attendance were Mike Baker, Kyle Brennemann, Dustin Smith, Kelly Walotka, Eddie Kamm, Nicole Kamm, Ella Aguliar, and Alexia Gonzalez.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the agenda with the revision to reflect approval of the April 2nd minutes. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. 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: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of the April 2nd minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – March

Nothing new to report on unfinished business.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Meyers to adopt and approve Resolution #2026-03 amending the Policy Manual to reflect new electrical rates for fiscal years 2027 through 2029. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Jones and seconded by Council Member Fahy to adopt the fiscal year 2027 budget for General and Street. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Fahy to adopt the fiscal year 2027 budget for Parks & Recreation. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to adopt the fiscal year 2027 budget for Board of Public Works. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Bland reported the Board of Public Works is holding interviews for the lineman position and still working on obtaining easements.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to accept and approve the April 7th election results. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried. The election results were as follows:

Council Member – 1st Ward

Kelly Walotka 164

Council Member – 2nd Ward

Clay O. Thornburg 111

Terry Robertson 76

Council Member – 3rd Ward

Eddie Kamm 199

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to adjourn sine-die. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, and Jones. Nays: None. The motion carried. The first meeting of the elected officials ended at 7:19 p.m.

Mayor Adrian provided the Oath of Office to newly elected council members Kelly Walotka, Clay Thornburg, and Eddie Kamm.

Ella Aguliar and Nicole Kamm left the council chambers at 7:25 p.m.

Mayor Adrian called the second council meeting of the night to order at 7:25 p.m., and the following elected officials answered roll call: Clay Thornburg, Eddie Kamm, Rex Thomas, Brock Fahy, Kelly Walotka, and Steve Bland.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to elect Brock Fahy as mayor pro tem. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. Council Member Fahy abstained. The motion carried.

Jon Hills of Mark Twain Communications was not in attendance.

The Main Street Palmyra's concern on ownership of the wall where the city purchased the vacant lot and Chevy's was discussed. The council authorized City Attorney James Lemon to contact Doug Dry, owner of Chevy's, to discuss the implementation of a party wall agreement which would define the ownership and maintenance responsibilities of the wall.

Council Member Thornburg advised he is still receiving complaints about cats. Residents report property damage because of male cats spraying property. Thornburg has asked Chief Baker to document all cat and dog complaints for the city to be considered for grant funding to assist with the city's animal problem.

Council Member Kamm brought forth concerns from residents about paying sewer charges for water that does not go through the sewer system.

Chief Mike Baker advised he has a meeting scheduled with the mayor from Canton, Missouri, to discuss Canton's newly hired police officer being trained by the Palmyra Police Department.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve Mayor Adrian's city council committee appointments. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Fahy to approve Mayor Adrian's annual board appointments. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Thomas to adjourn to closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1)(12)(13), RSMo. and admit the elected officials, Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith, City Attorney James Lemon, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the council entered closed session at 8:09 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 8:57 p.m.

Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk