

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

May 21, 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, Kelly Walotka, Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, and Eddie Kamm. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Kyle Brennemann, Michele McCormick (Muddy River News), James Lemon, along with the following 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, kids and parents: Abby Mannigel, Darcy Mannigel, Carla Eagan, Braxton Edmondson, Joseph Harris, Michelle Ham, Whitney Edmondson, Bennett Kumm, Jacob Kumm, Michael Turner, Lesley Turner, Chris Turner, Sam Weaver, Briton Weaver, Kelsey Myers, Kathy Keim, Brayleigh Kumm and Cindy Kumm.

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: Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, Bland, Thornburg, and Kamm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

- a. Approval of Minutes – May 7<sup>th</sup>
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Financial Report – April.

Mrs. Eagan and Mrs. Myers' fourth-grade science students presented to the elected officials the results of a bat study they worked on with the Corp of Engineers within Flower City Park. There are 13 bat species in the State of Missouri and Flower City Park has 12 of the 13. Of the 12 bats represented, two species are on the endangered list with one being the Indiana bat. The elected officials asked questions and received answers from the students. Teachers, fourth-grade students, and parents left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Council Member Fahy advised he had spoken with the city's IT consultant and the phone system would be moving to Zoom without the police department. The police department's phones will be moved over once the current contract with Chariton Valley expires at the end of the year. The cost of this change will be discussed and approved at the June 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the second reading of Bill #1676 entitled "AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE REPLATING OF CERTAIN LOTS IN THE CITY OF PALMYRA, PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 410.090-410.100, MINOR SUBDIVISION." A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Fahy to pass and approve Bill #1676 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, Bland, Thornburg, and Kamm. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1676 became Ordinance #1311-26-05.

A motion was made by Council Member Walotka and seconded by Council Member Fahy to approve the amended budgets for General & Street, Palmyra Parks & Recreation, and Palmyra Board of Public Works for fiscal year 2026. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, Bland, Thornburg, and Kamm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A discussion was held about a possible agreement setting forth maintenance, control, scope of work, etc. for The Patio at Flower City. This topic will be on the June 4<sup>th</sup> agenda for further discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Kamm to authorize Electrical Manager Pete Dames to negotiate and purchase a used digger truck with a not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$125,000.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, Bland, Thornburg, and Kamm. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Walotka reported on a Street & Alley committee meeting held earlier in the evening. The main topic discussed was asphalt overlays. The City will advertise for bids.

Council Member Walotka asked if there were any additional traffic controls that could be put in place on Tuesdays when the Palmyra Food Pantry is open. Mayor Adrian advised he was sure the owners of the property would be receptive to having a discussion.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Fahy to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.0219(1)(3)(12)(13), RSMo. and admit Chief Mike Baker, City Attorney James Lemon, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, Bland, Thornburg, and Kamm. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the elected officials entered closed session at 7:51 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 9:40 p.m.

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Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk

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**Closed Session**

A motion was made by Council Member Thomas and seconded by Council Member Bland to reject the offer from Mark Twain Communications for the water tower lease. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thomas, Walotka, Bland, Thornburg, and Kamm. Nays: None. Council Member Fahy abstained from voting because his employer is a direct competitor providing the same service as MT Communications. The motion carried.