

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

July 9, 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 Eddie Kamm opened the meeting with an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the following council members answered roll call: Clay Thornburg, Eddie Kamm, Rex Thomas, Brock Fahy, Kelly Walotka, and Steve Bland. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Pete Dames, Mark Salter, Dustin Smith, Doug Meyers, Kyle Brennemann, James Lemon, Lee Wise, Brenda Vester, Brenda Mata, Laura VanNice, Sarah Riedle, Montgomery Riedle, Jonathan Hills, Kim Wittler, Rober Wittler, Julia Stout, Butch Lee, Ross Mudd, Chris Lorenson, Abrienne Lorenson, Matt Rybinski, James Phillips, Debbie Moss, Brooke Wilson, Robin Stice, Brad Stice, Noah White, Terry Robertson, Keely Ragar, Annette Ragar, Kim Jawad, Casey Ragar, Christina Flesner, Wyatt Smith, Maria Kuhn, Jordan Shuck, LeAnn Shuck, Keith Hurst, and one visitor whose signature was not legible.

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

- a. Approval of Minutes – June 18th
- b. Approval of Bills
- c. Klingner & Associates Invoice #91780 {DNR-Sewer System Improvement}
- d. Klingner & Associates Invoice #91781 {Hutcherson Trail}
- e. Klingner & Associates Invoice #91788 {MoDOT TAP Grant – Easements}
- f. Klingner & Associates Invoice #91790 {MoDOT TAP Grant – Stormwater}

Matt Rybinski presented to the council a narrative and concerns on data centers. Mr. Rybinski asked the council for a one-year moratorium along with putting the topic to the vote of the people. Mr. Rybinski also asked that the City not enter into a non-disclosure agreement with any company concerning data centers and make a feasibility study available to the public prior to moving forward with any data center agreement. A discussion between the elected officials and the visitors in attendance was conducted with the conversation ending at 7:34 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

- a. Credit Card Policy – Council Member Fahy advised he needs to discuss the revisions with City Attorney James Lemon.
- b. Revisions to the Business License/Itinerant License Ordinance – Council Member Thomas reported the ordinance committee is close to having a revised ordinance for the council to review.

A motion was made by Council Member Walotka and seconded by Council Member Bland to approve the Use Agreement with The Patio at Flower City. 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 Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Thomas to authorize Mayor Adrian to execute a Letter of Agreement with Adams County Health Department to provide the hepatitis antibody and vaccine services for employees in safety sensitive jobs. 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 Walotka to accept the bid by Emery Sapp & Sons in the amount of \$244,326.25 for asphalt overlays and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute the same. 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 Bland to reallocate the remaining ARPA funds in the amount of \$127,964.27 to assist with payment of the asphalt overlays. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation board, a motion was made by Council Member Kamm and seconded by Council Member Fahy to accept the bid by Tri-State Excavating in the amount of \$317,952.00 for Phase I of Hutcherson Trail and authorizing Mayor Adrian to execute all paperwork necessary to facilitate the contract. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation board, a motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Thornburg to accept the bid by Jones Bros. Construction in the amount of \$51,700.00 for the labor to pour concrete, establish proper drainage, and implement a retaining wall at Foster Field and authorizing Mayor Adrian to execute all paperwork necessary to facilitate the contract. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Upon recommendation of the Parks & Recreation board, a motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Bland to accept the bid by Bergman Nurseries in the amount of \$30,413.49 for an irrigation system at Foster Field and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute all paperwork necessary to facilitate the contract. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, Walotka, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the first reading of Bill #1677 entitled "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 340 – MISCELLANEOUS DRIVING RULES, OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA TO INCLUDE REGULATION OF ELECTRIC BICYCLES, A/K/A E-BIKES, AND FURTHER ADDING A DEFINITION OF SAME TO CHAPTER 300."

City Attorney Lemon provided the first reading of Bill #1678 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 SUBDIVISIONS."

Council Member Thomas reported on an ordinance committee meeting where the member discussed the business/itinerant/merchant license ordinances along with the E-bike ordinance.

Council Member Fahy advised the building commission will be meeting to discuss the structural assessment reports provided by MECO Engineering.

Council Member Walotka stated she would like to begin having Town Hall Public Meetings for the community.

Council Member Thomas stated he had been working with BI/Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Brennemann on two properties in town that are unkept. Thomas also thanked the street department for the curb along West Line and advised he was happy to see the opening of the Tastee Freeze but the traffic may become an issue.

Upon recommendation by the Board of Public Works, a motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Fahy to amend the City Council agenda to reflect necessary repairs to the ground storage tank and approve the bid by Tank Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$188,881.00 to perform the needed repairs; update the tank to OSHA safety standards; and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute all paperwork to facilitate the contract. 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 Kamm to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2)(12), RSMo. and admit the elected officials, Mark Twin Communications Representative Jonathan Hill, 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 elected officials entered closed session at 8:25 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 Walotka at 8:38 p.m.

Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk