

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

July 23, 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 Steve Bland opened the meeting with an Invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and the following council members answered roll call: Steve Bland, Clay Thornburg, Eddie Kamm, Rex Thomas, Brock Fahy, and Kelly Walotka. Also in attendance were Mike Baker, Dustin Smith, Cassie Schoene (KHQA), Alexia Gonzalez (MECO), Matt Rybinski, and James Lemon.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve the agenda with the following additions: Recycle Center dock repair; HOMEBANK Line of Credit; and Foster Field bleachers. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. 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: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. Nays: None. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of the following:

- a. Approval of Minutes – July 9th
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #92134 {DNR-SW System Improvements}
- d. Klingner & Associates – Invoice #92144 {MoDOT TAP Grant – Sidewalks}
- e. Financial Report – June.

The finance committee is working on the revisions to the credit card policy, and the ordinance committee believes the revisions to the business license ordinance will be on the August 6th agenda.

A motion was made by Council Member Walotka and seconded by Council Member Thornburg to approve the Addendum to Antenna Space Lease Agreement with Mark Twain Communications and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute the same. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, and Walotka. Nays: None. Council Member Fahy abstained from the vote because of a conflict with his employment. The motion carried.

City Attorney James Lemon provided the second 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.” A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Bland to adopt and approve Bill #1677 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1677 became Ordinance #1312-26-06.

City Attorney Lemon provided the second 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. A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Kamm to adopt and approve Bill #1678 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. Nays: None. The motion carried. Bill #1678 became Ordinance #1313-26-07.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Walotka to approve Change Order #1 from Tank Maintenance Solutions in the amount of \$15,100.48 because of the required bonds needed for the project. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Attorney Lemon provided an update on the Petitioner’s Affidavit and ordinance for a moratorium on data centers. Lemon advised he is working with Matt Rybinski on proposed language to include in the ordinance.

Council Member Bland reported on a police committee meeting where the committee members were updated on the status of the Blue Shield Grant and future training of the officers. The Blue Shield Grant money will be used to upgrade car radios and rifle plates.

Council Member Kamm reported he had been contacted by the Recycle Committee about the need for a different trailer to hold the recyclables and repairs to the loading dock. The trailer will be purchased with donated funds while the loading docket repair will be paid for by the City.

Council Member Bland updated the council on the electrical department's report from the Board meeting. The department is working on inventory procedures, transitioning Mark Salter into the manager's position, and wiring a shed by the tennis courts for the Palmyra High School. The Board of Public Works board members will be looking at implementing a policy of what the department does and doesn't do for other entities within the community.

Chief Mike Baker advised he has an officer on light duty and scheduled for an MRI on July 27th. Baker also stated he plans to have his officers conduct educational programs on bicycles and E-bikes. Officer Miller will be attending a S.T.A.R.T. class and once completed, the police department will have two officers certified to teach.

Council Member Fahy stated the Building Commission had met and wants to work with the property owners of buildings in the 100 block of South Main. A meeting will be scheduled with the property owners, the Building Commission, and HREDC Executive Maria Kuhns to discuss a plan for improvements.

Water/Wastewater Manager Dustin Smith reported he will be having a meeting with Engineer Goeffrey Thompson on the upgrades to the water plant. Smith advised Council Member Thomas has been assisting with the sewer line easements by speaking with residents in Ward III who still need to sign easements.

A motion was made by Council Member Walotka and seconded by Council Member Bland to authorize Parks & Recreation to spend up to \$20,000.00 of the Lucille Foster Memorial money on bleachers at Foster Field. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. Nays: None. The motion carried.

City Clerk Deena Parsons received consensus from the council to close out the line of credit at HOMEBANK immediately.

A motion was by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Walotka to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(2)(12), RSMo. and admit the elected officials, City Attorney James Lemon, and City Clerk Deena Parsons. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Bland, Thornburg, Kamm, Thomas, Fahy, and Walotka. Nays: None. The motion carried. Visitors left the meeting and the council entered closed session at 7:38 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 8:00 p.m.

Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

Deena L. Parsons, MRCC
City Clerk