

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

May 15, 2025

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 and opening the meeting with an Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members answered roll call: Clay Thornburg, Earl Meyers, Rex Thomas, Brock Fahy, Zach Jones, and Steve Bland. Also in attendance were Austen Dornberger, Mike Baker, Brent Abell, Kyle Brenneman, Joe Schaffer, and James Lemon.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

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

- a. Approval of the May 1<sup>st</sup> minutes
- b. City - Bills for Approval
- c. Park - Bills for Approval
- d. Financial Report – April.

The drainage issue on the ground off Martha Street was discussed. An engineering report with purposed options was received on May 15<sup>th</sup>. A copy of which will be provided to Mr. Schaffer. Mr. Schaffer left the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Unfinished Business:

Recycle Center – Council Member Fahy advised contact had been made with the contractor and he will be updating his quote for the metal replacement at the Recycle Center. The City's insurance requirements will not be a problem.

Council Chamber Audio/Video – Council Member Fahy reported on a conversation with McClain Consulting where it was discussed that the audio/video needs to be repaired by July 1<sup>st</sup>. The council asked for a memo from McClain Consulting advising what options he is looking into and an approximate cost.

Comp Time Policy – Council Member Thornburg read the revised wording on the comp time policy to the elected officials. Without concern from the council, the policy will be sent to City Attorney James Lemon prior to approval.

New Business:

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve the Amended Budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 and transfer \$145,000.00 to reserves. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Fahy and seconded by Council Member Jones to approve and authorize Mayor Adrian to execute an engineering contract with Klingner & Associates in the amount of \$1,800.00 to assist with a MoDOT TAP Grant application for the sidewalk replacement on the west side of South Main in the 100 through 300 blocks. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to authorize Mayor Adrian to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Monroe City for public utility assistance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Thomas to approve Resolution #2025-06 concerning the Missouri Blue Shield Designation. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Council Member Meyers stated he had received more than one concern about the construction on North Spring where the road narrows and the curb is hard to see. Street Commissioner Austen Dornberger advised Bleigh Construction was on location on May 15<sup>th</sup> and a reflective strip is being installed.

Council Member Fahy mentioned that Impact G7 with the Brownfield Coalition Grant will be in town on a day in June. Fahy also stated there are three employees who still need to obtain their CDL license to be in compliance with their job descriptions and merit raises.

Council Member Jones thanked Code Enforcement Officer Kyle Brennemann for handling a grass/weed complaint.

Council Member Bland reported on the Board of Public Works meeting held earlier in the evening. The board budgeted and asked for council approval on the purchase of a sewer camera. A motion was made by Council Member Meyers and seconded by Council Member Fahy to authorize the purchase of a sewer camera from Red Equipment in the amount of \$55,490.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

Police Chief Mike Baker reminded the council of the fundraiser for the Food Pantry to be held on May 24<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Superintendent Brent Abell asked the council to consider allowing the board employees to work four (4) 10-hour days from Memorial Day to Labor Day. The department will be on call on Fridays. City Clerk Deena Parsons asked the council to consider allowing city hall staff to work Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday for the same time period. After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Council Member Bland and seconded by Council Member Jones to allow the change in work hours for a trial basis. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried. City hall staff were asked to keep track of complaints received concerning the change in hours and the work hours will be reviewed at the first council meeting in September.

A motion was made by Council Member Thornburg and seconded by Council Member Meyers to approve Mayor Adrian's appointment of Rex Thomas to the Safety Committee. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Council Member Bland to enter closed session pursuant to Section 610.021(1), RSMo. and admit Chief Baker, City Clerk Parsons, and City Attorney Lemon. The motion was seconded by Council Member Jones. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes: Thornburg, Meyers, Thomas, Fahy, Jones, and Bland. Nays: None. The motion carried. Department heads and visitors left the meeting, and the council entered closed session at 8:25 p.m.

After the 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 Thomas at 9:01 p.m.

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Alan R. Adrian, Mayor

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Deena L. Parsons, MRCC  
City Clerk