

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

January 17, 2008

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding. The following council members answered roll call: Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Tim Wright, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen and Jeff Merkel. Also present were Raymond Houston, Eddie Bogue, Gary Crane, Doug Meyers, Christine Crawford, Chase Hickman and Mark Cheffey.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel approving the consent agenda. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman, Andresen and Merkel. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: a. Minutes of the January 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Gary Crane reported that the fire department had sold a truck on e-bay for \$7,000.00

Christine Crawford introduced Doug Meyers as the new full time Park and Recreation Director. Meyers informed the council of several new activities being planned, one of which is Disc Golf. Crawford and Meyers left the meeting.

**Old Business:** Bross informed the council that the final draft of the proposed personnel policy has been received and the committee will meet and review it before presenting it to the full council and the department heads.

City Attorney Hickman gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill #1463: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A SETTLEMENT WITH US CELLUAR. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving passage of the bill into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman, Andresen and Merkel. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance \$#1103-08-01.

Hickman also gave the first reading of Bill #1464 and Bill #1465: ORDINANCES ACCEPTING A SETTLEMENT WITH AT & T AND WITH SPRINT.

**Councilmember Reports:** Councilman Garner asked about the complaints filed in City Hall regarding the cable TV service and was informed that there have been less than fifteen. The council still would like for them to attend a council meeting in February. Police Chief Bogue stated that the storm sirens were tested this week and that the message did not broadcast on TV as it used to. He contacted US Cable and they do not have it set up to work the way Cass Cable did.

Councilmember Andresen asked about the project to notify home owners to be sure they have house numbers. Crane stated that the fire department had been around in June and submitted a list to city hall. Dodd stated that she has the list but has not followed up on notifying the home owners. Following discussion, the mayor is going to see if the Mayors Youth Council will take on this project and distribute flyers door to door.

Andresen stated that she has written letters to the governor and legislatures regarding the BASF tax issue. She encouraged each person present to write letters as she has. Andresen also suggested that a proclamation be written for the high school pom squad as they compete in national competition next month.

Councilman Merkel suggested an article in the paper in support of the school regarding the BASF issue. It was decided that a letter to the editor should be written. Merkel requested that the water fountain in city hall be replaced.

Street Commissioner Houston informed the council that his department has a full agenda this year and asked that the council be patient with them. He cited the following projects: storm water project on Dingle Ave; storm water project on Oakview; sidewalks around the school property as part of the MoDot grant project; possibly demolition of the Behring property and tennis court in kind per a grant. Councilman Coleman asked about the manholes on S. Home Street. Houston stated that he will work with the BPW on that project.

Chief Bogue stated that he is in the process of pursuing three separate grants. There was a discussion regarding the speed limit signs on Highway 61 that MoDot placed. Bogue also discussed the intersection of Highway 61 and Ross St.

Dodd informed the council that representatives from Missouri Rural Electric will be present at the next council meeting to present a proposed territorial agreement with the Board of Public Works. The council will be provided with copies prior to the council meeting.

Dodd also informed the council that each department has submitted a written safety policy and these have been given to Missouri Employers Mutual in an effort to reduce workers compensation insurance.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m.

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Loren Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC  
City Clerk