

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MISSOURI

January 22, 2009

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members answered roll call: Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Tim Wright, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen and Jeff Merkel. Also present were Chase Hickman and Eddie Bogue.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross to approve 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 approval of the January 8<sup>th</sup> minutes.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of litigation. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner-litigation; Bross-litigation; Wright-litigation; Coleman-litigation; Andresen-litigation and Merkel-litigation. Nays; none. The motion carried and the council entered into closed session.

At 7:35 the council adjourned the closed session and upon a motion by Councilman Garner, seconded by Councilman Merkel entered back into open session. In addition to those listed above, present were Raymond Houston, Mark Cheffey, Irene Meyers, Ed Orchard and Greg Freeman. Councilman Merkel and Councilman Wright left the meeting.

Mr. Orchard and Mr. Freeman were present regarding a lease agreement between the city and TMP Corporation. The city leases ground to TMP for a cell tower and TMP is in the process of selling the tower to Clearview Tower Company. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving the Memorandum/Notice of and Amendment to Lease, authorizing the mayor to sign the documents. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman, Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. Absent were Council members Merkel and Wright.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross approving the Lessor's Estoppel Certificate and Agreement and authorizing the mayor to sign the documents. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman, Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. Absent were Council members Merkel and Wright.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Coleman approving the Recognition, Subordination, Attornment and Non-Disturbance Agreement and authorizing the mayor and the Board of Public Works President to sign the documents. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman, Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. Absent were Council members Merkel and Wright. Mr. Orchard and Mr. Freeman left the meeting.

Irene Meyers addressed the council on behalf of PACB. Mrs. Meyers expressed frustration over a lack of participation by the city council. Councilman Garner stated that he is interested in participating in future meetings of PACB. Meyers and Mayor Graham have been working through Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments to conduct a survey of Palmyra citizens which will determine whether the city is eligible for grants based on income. A motion was made by Councilman Bross and seconded by Councilman Garner approving the funding of the mailings for the survey up to \$1,000 and pledging the assistance of the council in completing the surveys. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman, Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Meyers also informed the council that PACB is selling bricks that will be placed in a "brick garden" on a lot owned by Palmyra State Bank. Meyers left the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Coleman approving a Quit Claim Deed to Cornerstone Church contingent on receiving a Grant of Easement from the church. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman, Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. The council was informed that the Board of Public Works has already approved the release of the utility easement for the church.

Councilman Bross stated that recently several area recycle centers have been in the news due to financial difficulties but that the Palmyra center is ok for now.

Councilman Coleman stated that the BPW is requesting permission to expend over \$10,000 for a load of 40 utility poles. The council gave approval by consensus.

Councilmember Andresen stated that she would like to see the council volunteer at the recycling center. Councilman Bross will let them know when he has an opening. Andresen also stated that Park Chapel Church is asking permission to angle park on Spring Street during church services. The street and alley committee will check to be sure it will not obstruct traffic.

Street Commissioner Houston informed the council that the \$400 monthly tower rent received from TMP Corporation has always been deposited in the Park Department. He thought the council might be able to use this towards a building inspector. The finance committee will review this.

Police Chief Bogue informed the council members that all elected officials need to be NIMS certified and can obtain the certification on line.

Mayor Graham informed the council that he has had conversation with the mayor of Canton about sharing a building inspector and will follow up on this.

City Clerk Dodd informed the council that the new electrical rate structure will be on the bills that are going out.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:45 p.m.

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Loren L. Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC  
City Clerk