

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

February 7, 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: Jim Bross, Tim Wright, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen, Jeff Merkel and Emmett Garner. Also present was Chief Eddie Bogue, Raymond Houston, Chase Hickman, Mark Cheffey, Richard Donelson, Andrew Sporeleder, Irene Meyers, Gary Stuhlman, Jim Church and Bill Huffman.

A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Bross, Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel and Garner. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included the following:

- a. Approval of the January 17<sup>th</sup> minutes
- b. January Financial Reports
- c. Bills for Approval
- d. Recommended Investment
- e. Municipal Judges Report-January

Councilman Merkel expressed concern that DARE funds were spent out of town and would like to see the money spent locally.

Richard Donelson, manager of Missouri Rural Electric Coop, and Andrew Sporeleder, attorney for the coop, explained that a territorial agreement is being proposed regarding electrical service. Sporeleder stated that once the city and coop agree on the terms, the agreement will have to be approved by the Missouri Public Service Commission. The agreement is for ten years and then either party can ask to discontinue the agreement at any time.

The board members that were present at the meeting informed the council that it is not financially feasible for the Board of Public Works to extend electrical service to the newly annexed property on the west side of town. They stated that a rate increase is being discussed. The board is recommending to the council that this agreement be entered into. Mr. Sporeleder will make a few minor changes to the agreement and the council will act on the proposal at the next council meeting.

Other discussion was about the need for a detailed legal description of the city as opposed to a map, the franchise fee that will be paid to the city, the possibility of selling the distribution system to the coop and the MoPep situation. Donelson stated that the coop has voted to pay the filing fees with the commission. Mr. Donelson, Mr. Sporeleder, Church, Huffman and Stuhlman left the meeting.

Irene Meyers presented the council with the results of the MoCapp assessment and the town hall meeting that was held in January. The number one vote getter at the town hall meeting is the need for a professional planner/developer. A committee was formed by PACB to address this idea. Meyers stated that the proposal is for 1,000 people to invest \$1.00 a week for a year in order to raise \$52,000. The proposal is to sub contract for a person to fill this position and partner with the city, chamber and PACB. Meyers gave a list of proposed projects. She then left the meeting.

City Attorney Hickman gave the second reading of Bill #1464 and Bill #1465: Ordinances regarding the settlements with Sprint and AT & T. A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the passage of Bill #1464 into an ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Bross, Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel and Garner. Nays; none. The motion carried and Bill #1464 became Ordinance #1104-08-02.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to approve the passage of Bill #1465 into an ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Bross, Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel and Garner. Nays; none. The motion carried and Bill #1465 became Ordinance #1105-08-03.

Hickman gave the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill #1466: An ordinance amending section 200.040 of Chapter 200 of the code of ordinances of the city of Palmyra, Missouri providing for the Municipal Court Room.

Councilmember Reports: Andresen commented on a fire overnight that destroyed Mission Hill Baptist Church south of town.

Councilman Garner questioned why the Board of Public Works is giving raises throughout the year and he thought that had been worked out with them last year. He asked how they can be giving raises and then be looking at increasing rates.

The meeting was interrupted by the police dispatcher stating that there was an emergency at the school and she could not get an answer from the BPW employee on call. She was told to try Ernie Boulware and Jim Church. She left the meeting.

Chief Bogue stated that three proposed ordinances had been given to the council to consider for adoption along with an updated fines list. There was discussion regarding these proposals. The Ordinance committee will meet to discuss them and make a recommendation to the full council next meeting. Bogue stated that the ordinance regarding child restraint may need to be updated.

City Clerk Dodd informed the council that the city has been approved by the Secretary of State for records preservation and they will be here next week to begin the process. Dodd also informed the council that the park department will have a person on staff part time this summer and they would like to plant flowers in the pots uptown and tend to them.

Dodd presented the council with the nine month budget report. The finance committee scheduled a meeting for February 27<sup>th</sup> to begin work on the budget.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel to adjourn to closed session at 8:50 p.m. The guests left the council chambers and the council went into closed session.

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Loren Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk