

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MISSOURI

February 19, 2009

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following council members answered roll call: Tim Wright, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen, Jeff Merkel, Emmett Garner and Jim Bross. Also present was Mark Cheffey, Chase Hickman, Raymond Houston, Eddie Bogue, Gerre Feigenspan, Gary Crane and J.D. Harner.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel to approve the consent agenda. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel, Garner and Bross. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: a. Approval of the February 5<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Gary Crane, Fire Chief, presented an annual report from the fire department. He also presented a report showing over 450 locations in town that do not have address numbers as required by ordinance. Crane informed the council that a \$4,000 grant has been received from the Department of Conservation. He also reported that a truck needs to be replaced and repairs needed to the floor of the fire station.

J.D. Harner stated that he has a problem with the parking on Olive Street and has had a disabled vehicle in front of his business. He was referred to the police department.

Old Business: Councilman Bross reported that the Ordinance Committee had met and is recommending amendments to the Billboard Ordinance and the Sidewalk Ordinance. There was discussion about the liability of allowing signs to be placed on the sidewalks downtown and also about requiring written permission from the property owners.

City Attorney Hickman gave the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill #1478: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 525.020 OF CHAPTER 525 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA REGULATING BILLBOARDS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Hickman gave the 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Bill #1479: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 505.010 OF CHAPTER 505 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, REGULATING SIDEWALKS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF.

Mayor Graham stated that he contacted a firm that did an electrical survey for the City of Hannibal and asked them to give him the scope of the work involved and the cost. Comments were heard regarding retaining an attorney that can review the contract with MoPep.

Councilmember reports: Councilman Bross reported the recycling budget has a balance of \$1900 that the recycling committee would like to use towards the purchase of a used 14' trailer to be used at the elementary school. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving \$300 a month rent of the trailer for the rest of the school year and if it works for the school, then application will be made for a grant. The total price of the trailer is \$2850 and the rent paid would be deducted from the purchase price. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel, Garner and Bross. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Police Chief Bogue reported that a radar unit was received and the city will be reimbursed through a grant. The NIMS certification for the mayor and council members was discussed. Bogue reported that Assistant Chief butch Lee will be retiring on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Bogue also stated that he will be conducting interviews for officers.

City Clerk Dodd reported that she visited with the county collector and he is interested in billing and collecting city taxes. The council gave permission for Dodd to submit a letter of interest to Mr. Viorel to present to the county commissioners.

Mayor Graham reported that notification was received from SEMA that the city met all requirements to get into the national Flood program and the information had been forwarded to FEMA. Mayor Graham also stated that the State of Missouri Energy program will have some stimulus money available for energy conservation programs.

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