

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

March 20, 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: Carolyn Andresen, Jeff Merkel, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Tim Wright and Gary Coleman. Also present were Raymond Houston, Eddie Bogue, Christine Crawford, Robert Lovegreen, Chase Hickman and Mark Cheffey.

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

a. Approval of the March 6th minutes

Crawford and Lovegreen spoke to the council regarding a grant for construction of the tennis courts. Crawford stated that one sealed bid was received from Bross Construction in amount of \$37,800 for the construction only. The remainder of the \$62,000 project will be funded by in-kind labor, with memorial funds and some operating revenue. A motion was made by Councilman Bross and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve the contract with Bross Construction. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Lovegreen also reported that the work being done to build a new horse arena is being done by the Junior Fair Board with no cost to the park.

Crawford also reported that bids are being accepted for restroom renovations at the Sesqui building. She stated that a new 2" water line will be installed and the restrooms will be made ADA accessible. There was discussion as to whether a new line is needed if more efficient fixtures are installed. Lovegreen and Crawford left the meeting.

Old Business: Councilman Garner reviewed a summary of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2008-09 and answered questions. There was discussion about the budgeting of four new patrol cars and other options were discussed. Garner is concerned about the public perception. Bross mentioned the purchase of one car a year. Chief Bogue explained the three-year warranty and the low maintenance. There was discussion regarding the officers sharing vehicles. A finance Committee met was set for March 25th at 6 p.m.

City Attorney Hickman gave the second reading of Bill #1469: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING NEW SECTION 200.100 OF CHAPTER 200 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI AUTHORIZING THE MUNICIPAL JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MARION COUNTY, MISSOURI MUNICIPAL DIVISION, AT PALMYRA, MISSOURI, TO IMPOSE PROBATION UPON VIOLATORS OF THE ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA; TO SUSPEND THE IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE; IN CASES WHERE IMPOSITION OF SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED, TO ORDER PAYMENT TO THE GENERAL REVENUE FUND OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, FOR REIMBURSEMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPENSES; AND TO IMPOSE OTHER CONDITIONS OF PROBATION. A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by councilman Bross to approve the passage of Bill #1469 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1109-08-07.

Councilmember Reports: Councilmember Andresen asked the status of the railroad abandonment and Mayor Graham reported that he had not heard anything for while but will follow up with them.

Councilman Merkel asked if US Cable is going to come to a council meeting. He would like to discuss the channel line up change and the weather alert system. They will be invited to the 2nd meeting in April.

Councilman Bross reported that the personnel committee met three times and will continue to meet and work on the proposed policy.

Street Commissioner Houston reported that he is working on raising the manhole covers on S. Home Street. He also reported on the work being done for storm drainage on the lower end of Dingle Street.

Chief Bogue reported that several officers will be attending training sessions at various locations. He also stated that he would like to see the city annex state highway property on Hwy 61 to both overpasses.

City clerk Dodd informed the council that a hearing will be held on April 10th at 10 am in city hall with James Behring regarding his property on W. Hamilton.

A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the purchase of a 50' flag pole for city hall in the amount of \$2695. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Dodd reported that the BPW in their last meeting voted in agreement with the council to place a question on the November ballot asking the voters if they wish for the city to sell the electrical system. They also included in their vote to issue a letter to MoPep giving a five year notice of withdrawal. There was a question about issuing the letter before the November election. Hickman will look at the MoPep contract and advise the city and board. The council would like to encourage a representative from the board to attend the MoPep meetings.

Mayor Graham stated that he would like to appoint Chief Eddie Bogue and Councilmember Carolyn Andresen to serve with Street Commissioner Houston on the Building Commission. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Coleman approving the mayor's recommendation. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; Andresen. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross to adjourn to closed session for real estate. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen-Real Estate, Merkel-Real Estate, Garner-Real Estate, Bross-Real Estate, Wright-Real Estate and Coleman-Real Estate. Nays; none. The motion carried, the guests left the chambers and the council entered into closed session at 8:30 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC
City Clerk