

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

April 10, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Loren Graham opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments from the public regarding the proposed budgets for fiscal year 2008-09 City General Revenue, Board of Public Works and Park and Recreation Departments. There being no comments, Mayor Graham declared the public hearing closed.

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

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

- a. Approval of March 20th Minutes
- b. Approval of April 1st Minutes
- c. March Financial Statements
- d. Recommended Investment
- e. Bills for Approval
- f. Municipal Judge's Report-March
- g. Resolution 2008-02: Ethics Resolution

Councilman Garner presented the budgets for approval. He stated that the BPW has requested that the council approve a 3% raise for the employees as opposed to an across the board raise. No decision was made on the raises so the finance committee will meet and invite the BPW board. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve the 2008-09 budgets for the General Revenue, the Board of Public Works and the Park and Recreation Department. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Old Business: Councilmember Andresen reported that the ordinance committee needs to meet again to finalize the proposed flood plain ordinance.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel to accept the certified election results. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. The election results were as follows:

First Ward	Emmett "Butch" Garner	169
	Ronald Kraft	134
Second Ward	Gary Coleman	302
Third Ward	Jim Beadle	118
	Timothy Wright	227

A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Merkel to adjourn sine die. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried and the council adjourned.

City Clerk Dodd administered the oaths of office to newly elected council members Emmett Garner, Gary Coleman and Tim Wright.

Mayor Loren Graham called the council meeting to order and the following council members answered roll call: Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Tim Wright, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen and Jeff Merkel.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Wright electing Carolyn Andresen as Mayor Pro Tem. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. Abstain: Andresen. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Wright and seconded by Councilman Garner accepting an agreement between the city and Chase Hickman for legal services and authorizing the mayor to sign it. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel approving a request from Judge Tom Meade for reimbursement of costs to attend the Municipal Judges Conference. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Garner asked what could be done to clean up the Ayers building on North Main Street. The police department will look at the site and see if there are any violations.

Mayor Graham stated that he would also like for the police department to address the parked cars at the corner of Main and Main Cross that are not licensed.

Councilman Bross scheduled a personnel committee meeting for Wednesday, April 16th at 7:00 p.m. Bross asked if the BPW had sent a letter of intent to MoPep. Dodd informed him that they have not.

Council member Andresen asked the police chief about cars in the impound. Chief Bogue stated that they were waiting for clear title from the department of revenue before disposing of them.

Andresen asked that the police department address a potentially unsafe situation at a residence across from the middle school that involves some landscaping timbers.

Andresen stated that before the council meeting she was called to a residence on W. Olive that had two feet of water in their basement due to an earlier storm. Street Commission Houston informed her that he is waiting on the results of a survey before easements can be obtained and the storm sewer project can begin in that area.

Houston reported that he and Lynn Smith attended a seminar that reinforced the use of the chip and seal method on the city streets. Houston inquired about the building inspection position not being addressed in the budget process. This led to a discussion about the possibility of a code enforcement officer who would be responsible for building, animal control, junk vehicles and other code violations. This matter will be addressed by the personnel committee.

Chief Bogue stated that only one person has registered their vicious dog so the department will be making contact with known owners of vicious dogs and then will follow through with fines. He will place an article in the newspaper so that everyone will be aware.

Bogue reported on some grants that he is applying for and that he received paperwork regarding annexation of Highway 61, north and south bound lanes to North River. He stated that it would require letters being sent to all property owners that connect with the highway and to the county commissioners.

A motion was made by Andresen and seconded by Merkel agreeing to participate in Mo. Division of Highway Safety program and authorizing the mayor to sign it. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Bogue obtained financing information from local banks for the two new cars that have been ordered and turned the bids over to the finance committee.

City Clerk Dodd reported on a request from project graduation and recommended that the DARE funds be used for this. A motion was made by Councilman Merkel and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve the expenditure from the DARE funds in the amount of \$200.00. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham recognized Dodd for completion of 200 hours of advanced instruction through the Mo. Local Government Program.

Mayor Graham stated that the Knights of Columbus are requesting the use of Main Street for their annual basketball tournament on May 17th. The council approved the event by consensus.

With no further business before the council a motion was made to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC
City Clerk