

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

May 15, 2008

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 pm. with Mayor Pro tem Carolyn Andresen presiding. The following council members answered roll call: Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen, Jeff Merkel, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross and Tim Wright. Also present were Raymond Houston, Eddie Bogue, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman. Absent was Mayor Loren Graham.

Street Commissioner Houston led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Coleman to approve the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman, Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: a. Approval of the May 1st minutes.

Old Business: Councilman Bross reported that the personnel committee had met again to make final changes to the personnel code and that they are ready to have the council approve the final draft.

City Attorney Hickman gave the 2nd reading of Bill #1470: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE 847 AND CHAPTER 115 AND ADOPTING AND APPROVING A NEW EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REGARDING PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF PALMYRA. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel approving the passage of Bill #1470 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman, Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1110-08-08.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross approving the amended budgets for the general revenue, electric, water and sewer and park and recreation departments for fiscal year 2007-08. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman, Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Police Chief Bogue reported that the new record management software has been installed and is being used. Councilman Bross asked Bogue about the proposal for annexation of highway 61. The annexation proposal was turned over to the Ordinance Committee.

Coleman inquired about the manholes on S. Home Street and was informed by Houston that the BPW had just ordered the supplies.

Councilmember Andresen stated that she would like to see a change in the ordinance for weeds and junk so that repeat offenders can be fined. Hickman will do some research for the ordinance committee.

Houston stated that the yard waste pickup is abused and he would like the situation addressed. Following discussion, the Street and Alley committee will meet and bring a recommendation back to the council.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn to closed session for real estate was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross at 7:55 p.m. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman-Real Estate, Andresen-Real Estate, Merkel-Real Estate, Garner-Real Estate, Bross-Real Estate and Wright-Real Estate. Nays; none. The motion carried. The guests left the chambers and the council entered into closed session.

Following closed session, a motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross to go back into open session. On a call for ayes and nays, the motion carried.

Councilman Merkel reported that in 2 ½ weeks he has equipment moving in at the property that he purchased north of the Brown Industrial Park and will need the access road.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:30 p.m.

Carolyn Andresen, Mayor pro tem

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC
City Clerk