

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MISSOURI

May 20, 2010

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding and opening the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members answered roll call: Andy Bross, Carolyn Andresen, Gerre Feigenspan, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross and Robert Lovegreen. Also present were Ron Peer, Raymond Houston, Christine Crawford, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

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

- a. Approval of the May 6th minutes
- b. Financial Reports -April
- c. Municipal Judge's Report-May

Crawford reported on park activities. She presented a Memorandum of Understanding for review by the city attorney. Councilman Feigenspan had expressed an interest in having legal counsel review the MOU before it is presented to organizations. The agreement is intended to clarify the relationship between the city and organizations that have erected or placed structures in the park in regards to the maintenance.

Old Business: A motion was made by Councilman Feigenspan and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve a revision to the personnel policy that will increase the police uniform allowance from \$400 to \$550 annually. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; A. Bross, Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, J. Bross and Lovegreen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Mayor Graham reported that he visited with MoDot regarding the railroad crossing that they wish to close, the widening of West Line Street at the overpass and the installation of a sidewalk along Highway 168/Ross Street from Breckenridge to the elementary school. Mayor Graham will report back to them with the estimated cost of the sidewalk.

City Attorney Hickman gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill #1487: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 200.050 OF CHAPTER 200 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA ESTABLISHING A MUNICIPAL COURT, PROVIDING FOR OFFICERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT, AND PROVIDING DUTIES OF THE CLERK OF THE MUNICIPAL COURT. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman J. Bross to approve the passage of the bill into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; A. Bross, Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, J. Bross and Lovegreen. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1127-10-01.

Committee Reports: Councilman Jim Bross reported that the Ordinance Committee is gathering information from other cities regarding livestock in the city and abandoned vehicles. Discussion was held regarding the ordinance for the Dangerous Building Commission. Hickman stated that the ordinance is based on state statute.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Feigenspan reported that Roger Cooksey came to him regarding a letter he received about removal of unlicensed vehicles from his property. Mr. Cooksey asked for extra time to remove the vehicles or fence them in. Following discussion, city attorney Hickman stated that this is a police matter and the police should use discretion in allowing extra time.

Councilman Feigenspan reported that the park board is preparing to demolish the maintenance shed at the park and use their summer employees. Feigenspan is concerned about the safety aspect. Houston stated that he could pull it down and the employees could take it apart and remove it.

Councilman Garner stated that the dangerous building commission would like to proceed with the process started sometime ago on the James Behring property. Hickman stated that the process needs to start over. Garner stated that he would like to see the ordinance that Quincy Ill. uses to condemn and demolish buildings.

Councilman Lovegreen gave a report from the fire department regarding the new truck that is being ordered, the replacement doors at the station and that the pumper is down.

City Attorney Hickman reported that he reviewed a suggested increase in city auto sticker fees and determined that it would violate the Hancock Amendment. He will further review to see if it would be allowed if it was attached to a service, such as yard waste removal.

City Clerk Dodd reported the following: a Flag Day parade will be held on June 12<sup>th</sup>; sign up for smaller trash receptacles is continuing at city hall; she has received an invitation to attend a Brownfield Conference in June; and the annual audit is being conducted. City Hall staff has been busy with building permits, park reservations, pool pass sales and t shirt sales for the park.

With no further business before the council a motion to enter into closed session for real estate purposes was made by Councilman Garner with a second by Councilman J. Bross. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; A. Bross-Real Estate, Andresen-Real Estate, Feigenspan-Real Estate, Garner-Real Estate, J. Bross-Real Estate and Lovegreen-Real Estate. Nays; none. The motion carried, the guests left the council chambers and the council entered into closed session at 8:25 p.m.

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Loren Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk