

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

June 4, 2009

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

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

- a. Approval of the May 21st Minutes
- b. May Financial Reports
- c. Bills for Approval
- d. Municipal Judge's Report-May

The MoDot/BNSF Railroad proposal to close the crossing on Pocahontas and to upgrade the crossings at W. New Street and W. Main Cross was discussed. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Feigenspan to inform MoDot and BNSF that the city council is giving tentative approval with the right to negotiate the final terms, to be mutually agreed upon by the city, BNSF and MoDot. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner. Nays; Bross, Coleman and Andresen. The motion failed to pass. Mayor Graham appointed a committee consisting of himself, Councilman Feigenspan, Councilman Bross and Councilman Wright to meet and negotiate with MoDot and BNSF.

Councilman Feigenspan gave the following report from the police committee meeting: a grant in the amount of \$1500 was received from WalMart which will be used for the new computers; the NCourt letter of understanding will be reviewed by city attorney Hickman and a contract will follow; a form to be used for citizens to request special events was presented; and a community survey is being proposed by Chief Bogue. Chief Bogue was given permission to send delinquent fines dating back to 2000 to NCourt for collections.

Councilman Feigenspan reported that Chief Bogue is requesting permission to submit an application to the FBI academy and if accepted allow him to be gone for ten weeks of training at Quantico in Virginia, with continued pay. Bogue stated that he would need \$2,000 for incidentals and uniforms. A motion was made by Councilman Feigenspan and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to approve the application to the FBI academy, with the ten weeks off with continued pay and \$2,000 spending money. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Councilmember Reports: Andresen asked Hickman about a building permit for property on West Olive. Hickman reported that in 2007 a former building inspector approved the permit and told the property owner that the permit is good for the life of the project.

Councilman Garner commented on a Board of Public Works decision to award raises to two employees when they had agreed, along with the city council, to hold any wage increases this year. The council members asked that Mayor Graham attend the next BPW meeting and express their disapproval.

Street Commissioner Houston reported that due to some additional paperwork the sidewalk project at the elementary and middle school has been put on hold. Chief Bogue reported on some recent enforcement programs that his department participated in.

City Clerk Dodd informed the council that the sale of city surplus has been changed to June 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Mayor Graham asked that the fire department be notified about the sale. Dodd reported that Melodie Brigman has been hired as part time office staff and started work on June 1st. She also reported on city sticker sales.

Mayor Graham reported that John Lewis has volunteered to be the emergency management director at no cost to the city other than possibly some reimbursement for some training. Mayor Graham will report additional information on this at a later meeting. With no further business a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m.

Loren Graham,
Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk