

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

June 5, 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, Chase Hickman and Mark Cheffey.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel 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 the following:

- a. Approval of the May 15th Minutes
- b. May Financial Reports
- c. Bills for Approval
- d. Municipal Judge's Report-May

Old Business: Councilman Bross reported that the Ordinance Committee met to review the proposal to annex state highway into the city limits. Following discussion, a motion was made by Councilman Merkel and seconded by Councilman Garner to pursue voluntary annexation of state highway right-a-way on Highway 61 to include approximately 1 ¼ miles on the north from the existing city limits; approximately 1 ¼ miles south on Highway 61 from the existing city limits and approximately 1/3 miles west on Highway 168 from the existing city limits. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried. It was decided that all necessary paperwork will be handled by the city attorney.

Also as old business, Councilmember Andresen reported that the Street and Alley Committee had met with Street Commissioner Houston to discuss the issues with yard waste. She reported that the committee is recommending that the commercial mowers be charged a fee for a key to the burn site and be required to haul the waste to the site themselves. The committee also discussed placing a security camera at the street department lot. Following discussion the council decided to table the issue until the next meeting and see if some of the commercial mowers attend the next meeting.

Councilmember Reports: Andresen stated that there is a lot of property with high weeds and there are junk vehicles that need to be dealt with.

Merkel asked about the water drainage problem and Oakview Drive. Mayor Graham stated that he will follow up with the engineer.

Councilman Garner asked if the storm sirens have been tested and Police Chief Bogue stated that they had tested them until the weather became threatening.

Garner scheduled a Finance Committee meeting for Monday, June 9th at 6:00 p.m. at the request of the city clerk. Two issues to discuss are the bidding of banking services and the co-mingling of all city funds and pay off of a loan from the Department of Energy.

Councilman Bross inquired about the impounded cars and was informed that Chief Bogue has the paperwork and will begin the procedure.

Councilman Coleman asked once again if the BPW has obtained the manholes for S. Home Street. Houston stated that he was told they are ordered. Coleman also inquired about the building permit bonds. Mayor Graham stated that he is gathering information from other cities regarding building inspectors.

Street Commissioner Houston informed the council that a local contractor is preparing to submit plans for a new subdivision. Houston stated that he has concerns about storm water drainage from the proposed subdivision and wants the council to be aware of the situation.

Chief Bogue reported about traffic stops; grant money; reserve officers and the computer program. He also presented a copy of a survey that he is wishing to distribute to all of the city residents.

Councilman Bross asked Bogue how many vicious dogs are registered and was told there are 7 or 8 registered. Discussion followed with the agreement being that any that were not registered are, by ordinance, considered new to town, not legal and must be removed from town and that the police chief has the authority to remove them.

City Clerk Dodd reported the following: the annual audit has been completed and a report will be presented at the next council meeting; the personnel policy was distributed to all employees; that the archivists from the Secretary of States office are continuing to work in city hall. Dodd thanked the street department for their help in removing records that are beyond retention. Dodd reported that the sale of city auto licenses has been completed and asked Chief Bogue about conducting traffic stops to check for the licenses.

Mayor Graham reported that he is seeking information from other cities about emergency management directors. He also reported that he is planning to appoint a committee to establish priorities to present to MoDot. He is hoping to be on the agenda to speak to the Missouri Highway Commission when they meet in Canton in August and would like to present the list to them at that time.

Graham informed the council that a contingency of officials will be in Palmyra on June 27th to dedicate the Avenue of the Saints. A short ceremony will be held on Dent Drive at approximately 11:30 am.

Graham reported that a 50' strip of land is being purchased from the American Legion to construct a roadway that will eventually connect with a proposed roadway coming from Highway 168.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn was made at 8:25 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk