

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MO

June 17, 2010

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

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

- a. Approval of the June 3rd minutes
- b. Financial Reports –May

Mr. Cooksey addressed the council regarding disabled vehicles that he has at the property where he resides. He discussed the desire to place a fence around the area where the vehicles are stored and/or erect a building to house them. Police Chief Bogue has given him until July 1<sup>st</sup> to remove some of the vehicles and the council asked that he show effort to clean up the property. He left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Old Business: Mayor Graham stated that he is approaching citizens to volunteer for the CLG committee. He also has attempted to contact the railroad.

City Clerk Dodd gave the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading of Bill #1488: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 425.040 OF CHAPTER 425 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, PROVIDING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman A. Bross to approve passage of the bill into ordinance. Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, J. Bross, Lovegreen, A. Bross and Andresen. Nay; none. The motion carried and Bill #1488 was numbered 1128-10-02.

Committee Reports: Councilman Jim Bross reported that the personnel committee is recommending a pay raise as requested by the municipal judge and the municipal prosecutor. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Feigenspan to accept the committee recommendation of \$275 pay per judge and prosecutor per court session. Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, J. Bross, Lovegreen, A. Bross and Andresen. Nay; none. The motion carried.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Feigenspan has been contacted about storm water issues at properties along the west side of the railroad track on Buchanan Street. Following discussion it was agreed that the street department will look at the options and plan to make some improvements when the weather permits.

Councilman Garner stated that he disagrees with the BPW employees working different hours than the rest of the city during the summer months. There was some discussion to follow.

Councilman Andy Bross remarked about the milling being done on S. Spring Street. He also reported that the Mark Twain Solid Waste district contacted him about recycling grants and they are discontinuing their interest in the recycling property.

Northeast Power Coop has requested that a Hold Harmless Agreement be signed by the city. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement. Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, J. Bross, Lovegreen, A. Bross and Andresen. Nay; none. The motion carried. This agreement pertains to the street department being on coop property to obtain sand.

Street Commissioner Houston reported that a contractor wants to begin construction on S. Dickerson but Houston is of the opinion that the property should be subdivided. He stated that there is no infrastructure and no curbing. The council agreed that Houston should seek the opinion of the city attorney.

Police Chief Bogue gave an update on grants, training and contacts made for weeds and disabled vehicles. Bogue stated that a four wheeler is being driven on the city owned property adjacent to the cemetery. The consensus of the council is that they want the activity to be discontinued.

City Clerk Dodd reported that the county collector's office has presented an agreement which would allow them to bill and collect the city taxes. There are some concerns about the fees that will be charged to the city and this will be clarified so that a decision can be made at the next meeting. The council was reminded that the next council meeting will be July 8<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Graham presented a bill from the fire department for dress uniforms. The discussion included that these purchases should be budgeted and also that there should be approval of such items before they are purchased. A motion was made by Councilman Lovegreen and seconded by Councilman J. Bross to allow the payment of 50% of this purchase. Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, J. Bross, Lovegreen, A. Bross and Andresen. Nay; none. The motion carried.

With no further business, a motion to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of real estate was made by Councilman Feigenspan and seconded by Councilman Jim Bross. Ayes; Feigenspan-Real Estate, Garner-Real Estate, J. Bross-Real Estate, Lovegreen-Real Estate, A. Bross-Real Estate and Andresen-Real Estate. Nay; none. The motion carried, the guests left the chambers and the council entered into closed session at 8:15 p.m.

Following the closed session the council entered back into open session at 9:05 p.m. Present in addition to the council, mayor and city clerk were Irene Meyers, Steve Lewis, Patty Cheffey and Kurt Hillman. A motion was made by Councilman Jim Bross and seconded by Councilman Garner to purchase the Architectural Woodworking building at a price of \$45,000. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Jim Bross, and Andy Bross. Nays; Feigenspan, Lovegreen and Andresen. With a tie vote, Mayor Graham voted aye, motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made at 9:10. p.m.

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Loren Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk