

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA MISSOURI

June 19, 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: Jeff Merkel, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Tim Wright and Carolyn Andresen. Absent was Councilman Gary Coleman. Also present were Raymond Houston, Chase Hickman, Gary Luck, Mark Cheffey and an attached list of visitors.

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; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: Approval of May 5th minutes.

Gary Luck from Luck, Humphries and Associates, gave the council a report of the annual audit that was recently conducted. Following his presentation several questions were ask by the council. Luck also explained a recommendation that the city co-mingle all city monies and let the banking out for bids.

Eddie Bogue entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and Gary Luck left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Councilman Garner made a motion, seconded by Councilman Wright to accept the recommendation to co- mingle all city monies and ask for bids from the financial institutions in the city limits. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Wright, and Andresen. Nays; Bross. The motion carried. The council was informed that before the bids are sent out they will be given a copy of the request for bids.

Old Business: Several commercial yard mowers were present to object to the suggestion that they be charged for disposing of yard waste at the city street department lot. There was a lengthy discussion between the council, Street Commissioner Houston and the citizens that were present. Houston suggested that the city look for an alternate site that can be used as compost. The consensus of the council is to leave the service as is until another site can be located.

A motion was made by Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to use the \$40,000 received from US Cellular to pay on the principal of the debt with the Department of Energy. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Councilman Bross reported that after hearing some concerns about changing the city limits he is proposing a modification. Bross made a motion that the city asks MoDot to agree to annexation of 1 ¼ mile of highway south on Highway 61; 1/3 mile west on Highway 168; 2/3 mile north on Highway 61 and ½ mile east on Highway 168 to include the exits. The motion was seconded by Councilman Garner. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright, and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Councilman Garner asked the status of placing a question on the November ballot regarding the proposed sale of the electrical system. Mayor Graham stated that he received a sample of the ballot language and has given it to the city attorney for review and recommendation.

Council member Andresen questioned the police chief about several lots in town that have not been mowed. Bogue stated that they are being followed up on.

Chief Bogue reported that he has advertised, as required, to sell at auction on Sat. July 12th, several vehicles that the city has had impounded. He also reported that there will be traffic stops held checking for auto stickers. It was also stated that MoDot will be meeting with Hickman, Bogue and Bross on June 25th in Hannibal to discuss the proposed annexation.

City Clerk Dodd reported that MDA has requested permission to have a toll road at the four way stop on August 30th and was granted permission. The council also agreed to change the July meetings to the 10th and the 24th.

Mayor Graham informed the council that there is a problem with the septic tank and laterals at the Head Start building and that indications are that there is going to be some expense involved for the city.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk