

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA MISSOURI

July 10, 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: Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen and Jeff Merkel. Absent was Councilman Tim Wright. Also present was Raymond Houston, Eddie Bogue, Chase Hickman, Kim Trower, Mark Cheffey, Glen Griesbaum and Larry Graves.

The pledge of allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed in recognition of Mayor Graham's recent heart surgery.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman, Andresen and Merkel. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included the following:

- a. Approval of the June 19th minutes
- b. June Financial Reports
- c. Bills for Approval
- d. Municipal Judge's Report-June

Mr. Larry Graves approached the council with a request to have first opportunity to purchase the parcel of land on S. Dickerson where the water tower was removed. Mr. Graves stated that he has maintained the property for the past ten years, that he owns the remainder of the lot and both adjoining lots. A motion was made by Councilman Merkel and seconded by Councilman Garner to sell the property as is to Mr. Graves for \$100 pending the decision of REC on the structure remaining on the property, the capping of the pipe that is there, with no liability to the city and sold without warranty of title and conveyed by quit claim. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Bross, Coleman and Merkel. Nays; Andresen. The motion carried. Mr. Graves left the meeting.

Glenn Griesbaum presented plans for the proposed Griesbaum Subdivision on North and Spring Streets. City Attorney Hickman reviewed the ordinance for submitting a plan and the process to have the plans approved. A certificate of compliance and a subdivision contract will need to be prepared. The plans also need to be approved by the BPW Superintendent and the Street Commissioner. Griesbaum left the meeting.

Old Business: Councilman Merkel reported that the Police Committee met and discussed the personnel needs for the future. He also stated that the committee agreed to allow Chief Bogue to drive a patrol back and forth from home to work. Councilmember Andresen stated that she thought this should be a decision of the entire council. The council gave approval by consensus.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Garner brought up the abuse of the yard waste program. The matter was turned over to the Ordinance Committee and Houston.

Garner presented a request from the Chamber of Commerce asking for 50% of the expense of the fireworks. The council agreed to pay the \$600 that is budgeted and will take the request into consideration at budget time next year.

Councilman Coleman thanked Houston for raising the manholes on S. Home Street. He also stated that the property owners at the corner of Home and Ross Streets have contacted him about the storm water at that intersection.

Councilmember Andresen voiced a concern about a house across from the middle school, the weeds at a house on W. Hamilton and the status of the Behring house on W. Hamilton. She also stated that the city needs to address the hiring of a building inspector. Mayor Graham will inform Councilman Wright, chair of the Personnel Committee, when he returns from vacation that the committee needs to address this.

Councilman Merkel thanked the street department for asphalt in some problem areas. He also asked what is being done about weeds on a property bordering Bradley, Jackson and Spring. Bogue stated that they are working with the property owner.

Street Commissioner Houston reported that he advertised to purchase a used truck and received one bid: a 1989 Chevrolet with a new motor and a utility bed for \$1850.00. A motion was made by Andresen and seconded by Garner to approve the purchase. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Coleman, Andresen and Merkel. Nays; Bross. The motion carried.

Houston informed the council that the July price of asphalt is \$68 per ton. He stated that he would like to asphalt Ross Street from the C & R driveway to Main Street. Councilman Bross requested that one block of W. Jefferson also be done. Several council members stated that they want Houston to see if MoDot will participate since the street from Hwy 61 to Leach is their property. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Council member Andresen to approve the asphalt project from the C & R drive to Main Street. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Garner, Andresen and Merkel. Nays; Bross and Coleman. The motion carried. Houston is to present a plan for future street improvements to the Street and Alley Committee.

Police Chief Bogue updated the council on the proposed annexation of Hwy 61. Hickman has a letter prepared to send to the adjoining property owners inviting public comment. Bogue and Bross will attend the county commissioners meeting next Monday with a letter of request.

Bogue voiced a concern about the present fireworks ordinance. The ordinance committee will meet to review it. Bogue also stated that city sticker checks will be conducted the end of the month.

City Clerk Dodd reported that PACB will have a meeting at the Palmyra High School cafeteria on Tuesday, July 15 to give the town hall participants an update on activities.

Mayor Graham reported that the Avenue of the Saints dedication ceremony has been rescheduled for July 25th at noon. He also reminded Hickman that the ballot language for the electrical system needs to be reviewed and has an August deadline.

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

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk