

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA MISSOURI

July 24, 2008

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members answered roll call: Jim Bross, Tim Wright, Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen, Jeff Merkel and Emmett Garner. Also present were Raymond Houston, Eddie Bogue and Mark Cheffey.

A motion was made by Garner and seconded by Andresen to approve the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Bross, Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel and Garner. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: a. Approval of the July 10th minutes.

Old Business: Councilman Bross reported that the Ordinance Committee met and discussed the abuse of the yard waste policy. Bross stated that the committee would like to place a camera on the site, would need an ordinance and the cost is approximately \$1500. Following discussion, the project was put on hold until other projects are completed.

Councilman Wright reported that the Personnel Committee met and agreed to allow the city clerk to advertise for a temporary office clerk. They also approved a new job application presented by the city clerk. The committee discussed the need for a building inspector/code enforcement officer. The committee asked Dodd to obtain job descriptions from other towns.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Council member Andresen to approve the following ballot language for placement on the November ballot: *Shall the City Council of the City of Palmyra, Missouri, have the authority within the next ten (10) years to sell all or substantially all assets of the municipal electric utility to a private utility, which shall thereafter provide retail electric service to the residents of the City of Palmyra, Missouri?* The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Wright, Coleman, Andresen, Merkel and Garner. Nays; Bross. The motion carried.

Due to some changes in billing at Farmers Coop the council consented to taking bids from the local gas stations for the purchase of fuel for the vehicles.

The septic system at the Head Start building needs to be addressed before school starts. Mayor Graham and Street Commissioner Houston will obtain quotes and bring back a recommendation on how to proceed.

Councilmember Andresen told Chief Bogue that there is a trailer parked at the corner of Church and Bradley Streets that obstructs the view of drivers.

Street Commissioner Houston stated that MoDot will be willing to pay some of the asphalt cost for a block of Ross Street if they are presented with a copy of our contract.

Chief Bogue stated that the paperwork for the annexation is complete and that the Marion County Commissioner signed off on the annexation. Bogue reported that the car auction netted \$2885.00. He asked if the money could be used for bullet proof vests. Bogue has received the VIN for the two patrol cars that have been ordered and will check to see if the bids for financing are still good.

Bogue reported on the weed situation and was told by Merkel that the property on Jackson has not been satisfactorily cut. Bogue stated that a dispatcher has resigned and he is taking applications. He also reported that the reserve officers will be working the fair and that their pay will come from the fair committee through city hall.

Mayor Graham stated that the floor at the nutrition center is settling and needs to be replaced with concrete. The nutrition board will pay \$2,000 towards replacement. He contacted a contractor.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:15 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk