

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MISSOURI

August 20, 2009

**PUBLIC HEARING:** Mayor Graham opened the public hearing for the purpose of hearing public comment regarding the 2009 tax rate for the City of Palmyra. No comments were heard from the public although several council members commented about the rate and the assessed valuation. Mayor Graham declared the public hearing closed at 7:05 p.m.

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:05 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding and leading the Pledge of Allegiance. The following council members answered roll call: Gary Coleman, Carolyn Andresen, Gerre Feigenspan, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross and Tim Wright. Also present were Eddie Bogue, Raymond Houston, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman.

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; Coleman, Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: a. Approval of the August 6<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**Old Business:** Mayor Graham reported that he has visited with the property owners on Short Street that would be involved in a storm sewer project and would like to have a closed session next meeting to discuss this issue.

**Committee Reports:** Councilman Bross reported that the Ordinance committee met to look at revisions to the Dog/Cat Ordinance. There are four areas that they have ask City Attorney Hickman to research and give his opinion; liability insurance, increase in fines, removal of animal from city and destruction of animal. Councilmember Andresen obtained information from three local insurance agents regarding liability insurance and found that one will not write homeowners insurance if the owner has a vicious dog. The committee will meet again after Hickman has a chance to give them information.

Hickman gave the reading of Bill #1482: AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2009. A motion was made by Council member Andresen and seconded by Councilman Feigenspan to approve the bill as an emergency ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman, Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance 1122-09-05.

Hickman then gave the first reading of Bill #1483: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH AT&T/SBC LANDLINE.

**Councilmember Reports:** Councilman Coleman reported that the Board of Public Works members would like to be involved in discussion about the employee health insurance. Coleman reported that he had received a call regarding storm water drainage.

Andresen commented that a property on S. Main Street has not trimmed trees back so that the sidewalk can be used.

Councilman Feigenspan reported that a meeting was held at the elementary school to discuss the traffic issues on Ross Street. Several options were discussed with the school agreeing to research another option for traffic flow.

Councilman Garner asked if vicious dog owners have placed signs on their property. Police Chief Bogue stated that there were nine vicious dogs registered, three have been removed from the city. Of the remaining six, three are in compliance with the signs, two have received summons and one has not been contacted.

Councilman Bross stated that the recycling committee met with an individual from Hannibal that wants them to receive electronics for him for recycling. The committee is researching this before making a decision. Bross also received a call about storm water drainage.

Police Chief Bogue reported on recent training. He also discussed the expense involved in impounding animals. This prompted a discussion about the need for a dog catcher and code enforcement employee. The matter was referred to the personnel committee.

City Clerk Dodd reported that letters regarding house numbers were mailed to over 250 property owners. She also reported that with extra staff in city hall, the tax billing will not be contracted with the county this year.

Dodd asked permission to host a picnic for employees and volunteers in lieu of the Christmas Dinner. A motion was made by Councilman Bross and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve spending \$200 for a picnic. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman, Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Dodd presented the council with 1<sup>st</sup> quarter financial reports which show that sales tax revenue is slightly above the 25% level.

Street Commissioner Houston asked the council members to drive by the street department lot on Monday morning to see the volume of yard waste that is left there on weekends.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:10 p.m.

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Loren Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC  
City Clerk