

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

August 21, 2008

PUBLIC HEARING: Mayor Loren Graham opened the public hearing at 7:00 p.m. in order to hear comments regarding the property tax for 2008. No comments were heard from the public and Mayor Graham declared the public hearing closed.

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

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

- a. Approval of the August 7th minutes
- b. Approval of the August 14th minutes
- c. Resolution 2008-03

Councilman Jim Bross entered the meeting.

Mr. Griesbaum stated that he has presented his plans for a new subdivision to the Street Commissioner and the Board superintendent and would like to be able to proceed with the development. There was a discussion concerning the storm water and the need for the city to have a storm water system in place that Mr. Griesbaum can hook into. Following discussion, it was decided that Street Commissioner Houston is to contact two engineering firms and which ever one can engineer a plan for the city the quickest will be asked to design a preliminary plan. Houston will then meet with the Street and Alley Committee and Mr. Griesbaum. Following approval by the council, an ordinance will need to be passed. Mr. Griesbaum left the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Old Business: The council received a copy of the letter from MoDot stating that they will not participate in voluntary annexation of highway frontage.

City Clerk Dodd presented a proposal for bidding the banking services and was given permission by the council to proceed.

Hickman gave the reading of Bill #1471: AN ORDINANCE IN RELATION TO THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2008 as an emergency ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to approve the passage of Bill #1471 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Coleman, Andresen, Merkel, Garner and Wright. Nays; Bross. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1111-08-09.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Coleman reported that the Board of Public Works still wants to get out of the pooling commission.

Andresen asked the status of the building inspection position and repairs needed at the Nutrition Center. Mayor Graham stated that the Personnel and Finance Committees need to meet regarding a building inspector. He stated that specs will be prepared for repairs at the Nutrition Center and the job will be advertised for bids.

Councilman Garner questioned a topic from the BPW minutes regarding clothing for the electrical crew. Discussion followed regarding the enforcement of the employees wearing their safety equipment and the shirts that have already been purchased for them. The council would like information before the board proceeds.

Councilman Bross asked Houston to contact a property owner regarding gravel in an alley.

Councilman Wright asked Chief Bogue to address visibility issues due to plantings and overgrown weeds at the following two intersections; Spring and Ross Street/Prosperity and West Line.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:00 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC
City Clerk