

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

September 17, 2009

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

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to approve the consent agenda. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda consisted of (a) approval of the September 3rd minutes.

Mr. Griesbaum asked permission to proceed with his development by constructing two units on North Street and one on Spring Street prior to approval of the subdivision plat. There was discussion about the storm sewer issue and the need to proceed in meeting with affected property owners. It was agreed that since there are existing streets where Griesbaum wants to start building that this will not violate the subdivision ordinance. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to allow Mr. Griesbaum to start construction on the two structures on North Street and the one on Spring Street. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. Mr. Griesbaum left the meeting.

Old Business: The council continued discussion regarding the storm water issue on North Spring Street and Short Street. The consensus was for the first ward councilmen and Street Commissioner Houston to meet with the property owners that will be affected. An agreement will need to be drawn up by the city attorney.

Councilman Bross stated that he had looked at the yard waste site at the street department and suggests that there should be a sign stating that the service is for city residents only. Bross stated that the ordinance committee will discuss an ordinance regarding yard waste and penalties.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Feigenspan asked if there is anything that can be done about the mosquito problem in town. He was informed that the city does not have the necessary equipment or anyone that is certified to use the chemicals to spray. Mayor Graham stated that maybe this can be looked at over the winter before the next mosquito season.

Councilman Garner questioned what the Board of Public Works plans are for the engines and would like for them to look at some units that are more efficient. He also was approached about a water run off situation which after discussion was decided that it is a civil matter between the two property owners.

Councilman Bross stated that the Ordinance Committee will meet on September 24th at 7:00 pm to continue the proposed revisions to the dog ordinance.

Councilman Coleman inquired about demolition of a house on N. Main Street. Councilmember Andresen inquired about tree trimming on S. Main Street.

Police Chief Bogue presented two agreements between the city and the City of LaGrange. One of them would be for mutual aid and the other would be for use of the city of LaGrange canine. A motion was made by Councilman Feigenspan and seconded by Councilman Garner authorizing the mayor to sign the agreements contingent on the police chief checking on insurance coverage. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

City Clerk Dodd presented the council with information regarding a city map from 1860 that was found in the basement of city hall and has been preserved by the Secretary of States, Local Record Conservator. The map was viewed by the council members prior to the meeting. The map is very fragile and plans are to have it framed and hung in the council chambers. Dodd also stated that the records preservation office has borrowed ordinance books and minute books dating back to 1854 for microfilming.

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Dodd informed the council that the process for calling in the municipal bonds has been started and plans are to have the loan paid off by November 1st. She also stated that office staff has been working hard to prepare the new utility billing program.

Mayor Graham stated that former councilman Merkel needs to be removed as trustee on our account at Edward Jones. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross to remove Merkel and add Carolyn Andresen as trustee. On a call for ayes and nays the motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of real estate. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Feigenspan-Real Estate, Garner-Real Estate, Bross-Real Estate, Wright-Real Estate, Coleman-Real Estate and Andresen-Real Estate. Nays; none. The motion carried the guests left the chambers and the council entered into closed session at 8:00 p.m.

Loren L. Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC, City Clerk