

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MO

September 18, 2008

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the following council members answered roll call: Jeff Merkel, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Gary Coleman and Carolyn Andresen. Absent was Councilman Tim Wright. Also present were Eddie Bogue, Raymond Houston, Mark Cheffey, Chase Hickman, Jon Brewer, Ruth Hoehne, Star Waldschmidt and Bruce Chinn.

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; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included the following:

- a. Approval of the September 4<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Star Waldschmidt explained that she had recently moved back to Palmyra, is the owner of a pit bull dog and would like permission to keep it in town. Following discussion, the council scheduled an Ordinance Committee meeting for Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. to review the vicious dog ordinance. Ms. Waldschmidt was advised to find a place out of the city limits to board the dog until she hears from them. Ms. Waldschmidt left the meeting.

City Clerk Dodd informed the council that Irene Meyers and Patty Cheffey had attended the Governor's Conference in Kansas City and brought back an award to the city.

Bruce Chinn, Public Projects Manager for BNSF, discussed concerns he has about the railroad crossings in Palmyra. His recommendation is to close the crossing at Pocahontas Street and upgrade the Main Cross and New Street crossings with cross arms, lights and concrete crossings. The cost would be shared between MoDot and BNSF with no expense to the city. Mr. Chinn stated that there is also a possibility that the railroad would deed the abandoned portion of the rail line to the city. He stated that all the city needs to do is pass an ordinance agreeing to close the Pocahontas crossing to begin the process. The matter was referred to the Street and Alley Committee. Mr. Chinn left the meeting.

Ruth Hoehne stated that she would like to see enforcement of the two hour parking limit on Main Street. Following discussion, Street Commissioner Houston will be sure that there are "no parking" signs in each downtown block for the hours of 7 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday. Mrs. Hoehne left the meeting.

Jon Brewer addressed the council about the storm drainage problem on Oakview Drive. He was informed that a preliminary engineering plan has been obtained. Mr. Brewer asked if a temporary fix could be used, such as hot or cold mix. Houston will meet with Mr. Brewer. Mr. Brewer left the meeting.

**Old Business:** Councilman Garner reported that the finance committee met and reviewed the bids received for the "Central Depository for City Funds." A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel to accept the bid with the best interest rate per the specifications, F & M Bank. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner and Andresen. Nays; Bross and Coleman. The motion carried. The bids were as follows with Exchange Bank not bidding per specifications:

F & M	91 day UST bill less .25%
Palmyra State Bank	91 day UST bill less .50%
HNB	50% of the 91 day UST bill
Exchange Bank	3.00%

Councilman Bross reported that the Ordinance Committee met to review the proposed Flood Management Ordinance. He also reported that he met with the park board to discuss the floodplain in the Well Park. The park board would like to table this issue until their next meeting.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Merkel requested that speed limit signs be erected in the Industrial Park. Houston will take care of this.

Councilman Coleman informed Chief Bogue that a car on S. Home Street has been sitting with a flat tire. He also mentioned a need for a base radio. City Clerk Dodd explained that the base radio in City Hall is down and needs to be replaced, with the cost being shared with the BPW. A motion was made by Councilman Merkel and seconded by Councilman Garner to approve paying half of the cost of a base radio. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Merkel, Garner, Bross, Coleman and Andresen. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Councilmember Andresen asked about placing a time limit on speakers at city council meetings. No action was taken.

Street Commissioner Houston informed the council that the engineering for the drainage at the Griesbaum subdivision will not work. He has talked to another property owner on Short Street and will meet again with them to discuss an easement on their property.

Chief Bogue asked about enforcing the two hour parking that already has signage and it was decided to go ahead and issue written warnings. Bogue also reported that the park board has asked for a stop sign at the corner by the Sesqui Bldg going north and south. Bogue also reported on some training that officers have attended.

City Clerk Dodd reported that the Board of Public Works will host a public forum regarding the electrical system on October 20<sup>th</sup> at the high school cafeteria at 7:00 p.m., will speak at the Chamber of Commerce meeting on October 14<sup>th</sup> at noon at the VFW Hall and is planning on going door to door to hand out informational brochures.

Mayor Graham reported that he is meeting with a representative from MoDot in City Hall on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:00.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 p.m.

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Loren Graham, Mayor Graham

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC  
City Clerk