

CITY COUNCIL  
PALMYRA MISSOURI

December 3, 2009

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

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; Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included:

- a. Approval of the November 19th Minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Municipal Judge's Report-November

Fire Chief Gary Crane reported that a request for bids had been placed in the paper and one bid was received from Kroeger Heating and Air Conditioning in the amount of \$6,120 to replace the heating system with two furnaces and install duct work. Crane also received a bid from Overhead Door to seal the doors in the amount of \$1,025.00. Crane stated that he just received paperwork for an energy grant. If the grant is awarded to the fire department no work can begin before January 15<sup>th</sup>.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Coleman to accept the bid from Kroeger Heating in the amount of \$6,120 with the work to begin on January 16<sup>th</sup>. There was discussion on where the funds would come from to pay for the project if the grant is not awarded. The motion was then tabled until the next meeting.

Crane gave an update on holiday activities at the fire station and the price of a new pumper truck in the amount of \$330,000.

Councilman Bross brought up the issue of house and building numbers that was initiated by the fire department earlier this year. The ordinance allows for tickets to be written if the addresses have not been placed on the buildings. The council agreed that after January 1<sup>st</sup> the fire department is to supply the police department with a list of violators and tickets are to be issues.

Old Business: The agreement proposed by Marion County 911 had been reviewed by City Attorney Hickman and he approved of the contents of the agreement. Councilman Bross stated that he would like to have the Board of Public Works call outs included in the agreement. He also had a concern about the effective date of the agreement and wants to be sure that the police station is secured before making the change.

Following discussion, Councilman Garner made a motion, seconded by Councilman Feigenspan to accept the agreement with Marion County 911 with revisions to allow for the after hour Board of Public Works calls to be added to the general dispatching and to change the date of the agreement from May 31 to April 30, 2010 and authorize the mayor to sign the document. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Bross to approve the lease agreement with Jackson Park Golf Course which is a six year lease for \$1600 per year and authorizing the mayor to sign the document. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Committee Reports: Councilman Garner reported that the finance committee met to discuss financing options for Marion County 911 and the Drug Task Force. The committee had agreed that there will available funds from the discontinuance of dispatching and the lease with the golf course that will be adequate to cover the expenses until the new budget is prepared. Garner stated that cost cutting measures were discussed such as a central supply room and approval by the mayor before some expenses are incurred. The committee also discussed raises for the coming fiscal year.

A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Wright to approve the city joining the NEMO Drug Task Force. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

Councilmember Reports: Councilman Feigenspan stated that there have been some inquiries regarding his residency and he assured the council that he has established residency in the first ward as required.

Councilman Bross reported that the recycling center has seen an increase in income from the trailers of recyclable materials that are hauled.

Chief Bogue reported that there will be extra DWI enforcement from December 7<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup>. He also reported that the police employees will be getting their hepatitis shots through the health department next week.

City Clerk Dodd reported that the office staff has been preparing for payroll direct deposit as requested by the majority of the employees. She is requesting that the payroll period in the personnel policy be changed to end at midnight on Wednesday instead of midnight on Thursday. Councilman Bross stated that there is a process required to change the personnel code. This will be looked at and followed up on at the next meeting.

Dodd asked the council to grant the employees a day off on Christmas Eve. A motion was made by Councilman Feigenspan and seconded by Councilman Garner to close city services all day on Christmas Eve. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Feigenspan, Garner and Wright. Nays; Bross, Andresen and Coleman. With a tie vote Mayor Graham voted no and the motion did not carry. A motion was then made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Council member Andresen to grant a half day off by closing at noon on Christmas Eve. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Feigenspan, Garner, Wright and Coleman. Nays; Bross. The motion carried.

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

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Loren Graham, Mayor

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Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC  
City Clerk