

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA MISSOURI

December 4, 2008

The Palmyra City Council met on the above date in City Hall at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Loren Graham presiding. The following council members answered roll call: Carolyn Andresen, Jeff Merkel, Emmett Garner, Jim Bross, Tim Wright and Gary Coleman. Also present were Raymond Houston, Ron Peer, Mark Cheffey and Chase Hickman. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Councilman Garner made a motion, seconded by Councilman Merkel approving the consent agenda as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included:

- a. Approval of the November 20th minutes
- b. Bills for Approval
- c. Municipal Judge's Report-November

Councilman Garner made a motion to allow the employees to be off December 26th and to close at noon on December 24th and if any employees get called out or have to work it will be at straight time unless they exceed their forty hour work week. Discussion followed regarding the policy. City Clerk Dodd suggested a "floating" holiday be added to the personnel policy. Garner amended his motion to include that the policy will be reviewed by the personnel committee. The motion was seconded by Councilman Merkel. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried.

City Attorney Hickman gave the second reading of Bill #1472: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTY BY THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, AND TO EXTEND THE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, TO INCLUDE THE PROPERTY ANNEXED, PURSUANT TO SECTION 71.012 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving the passage of the Bill # 1472 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1112-08-10. Hickman stated that he will send a copy of the ordinance to MoDot with a letter.

Hickman gave the second reading of Bill #1473: AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN ELIGIBILITY OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM; REQUIRING A FLOODPLAIN DEVELOPMENT PERMIT; DESIGNATING A FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR; PROVIDING FOR THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT TO HEAR APPEALS AND REQUESTS FOR VARIANCES FROM FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving the passage of the Bill # 1473 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1113-08-11.

Hickman gave the second reading of Bill #1474: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 340.290 OF CHAPTER 340 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, PROVIDING SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUN SCREENING DEVICE APPLIED TO WINDSHIELD OR WINDOWS OF MOTOR VEHICLES; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilman Bross and seconded by Councilman Merkel approving the passage of the Bill # 1474 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1114-08-12.

Hickman gave the second reading Bill #1475: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 340.260 OF CHAPTER 340 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, REQUIRING PASSENGER RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR CHILDREN UNDER FOUR YEARS OF AGE; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilmember Andresen approving the passage of the Bill # 1475 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1115-08-13.

Hickman gave the second reading of BILL #1476: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 235.190 OF CHAPTER 235 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, PROHIBITING STALKING; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel approving the passage of the Bill # 1476 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1116-08-14.

Hickman gave the second reading of BILL #1477: AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 235.185 OF CHAPTER 235 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA, MISSOURI, PROHIBITING HARASSMENT; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilman Garner and seconded by Councilman Merkel approving the passage of the Bill # 1477 into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross, Wright and Coleman. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became Ordinance #1117-08-15.

Councilmember Reports: Because Ashland Street is narrow near the elementary school, Councilman Merkel is concerned safety when the students are dismissed from school. The consensus is that the school should address this issue and Mayor Graham will contact them.

Councilman Coleman asked about some items that have been left out since the fall cleanup. The property owner will be contacted. Coleman asked about the policy regarding firemen and tokens of appreciation. He was informed that the policy is the same for all volunteers.

The council was informed by Dodd that filing for the April municipal election opens at 8:00 a.m. on December 16th.

The council consented to give the year end bonuses as budgeted. Mayor Graham recommended that Ronald Peer be appointed as Emergency Management Director. A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Garner approving the recommendation of the mayor. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Coleman. Nays; none. Abstain; Wright. The motion carried.

With no further business before the council a motion to adjourn was made at 7:55 p.m.

Loren Graham, Mayor

Rhonda J. Dodd, CMC, MRCC
City Clerk