

CITY COUNCIL
PALMYRA, MISSOURI

December 20, 2007

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 and Tim Wright. Absent was Councilman Gary Coleman. Also present was Raymond Houston, Harold Lee, Chase Hickman, Mark Cheffey and Gary Crane.

A motion was made by Council member Andresen and seconded by Councilman Merkel to approve the consent agenda. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried. The consent agenda included: Minutes of the December 6th meeting.

Gary Crane, fire chief, informed the council of some recent donations from area clubs and industries. He also informed them that Northeast Electric Power Coop had sold a generator to the fire department for \$1.00. A letter of appreciation will be sent to them.

Old Business: Councilman Bross reported that the personnel committee has reviewed the final draft of the personnel code and Dr. Hendrix is making the requested changes. The final revisions will be made available to all departments and the BPW board. The goal is to have it completed and adopted by the council by the end of the fiscal year.

City Attorney Hickman gave the 2nd reading of Bill #1462: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205.050 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF PALMYRA REGULATING DOGS AND CATS AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF. A motion was made by Councilmember Andresen and seconded by Councilman Garner to adopt the bill and approve the passage of it into ordinance. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried and the bill became ordinance #1102-07-11.

Councilmember Andresen commented on the success of the Christmas Party. She also asked the status of the flood insurance ordinance. Hickman will follow up on this. Andresen inquired about the Behring property that is supposed to be taken down by January 1st.

Councilman Merkel stated that he has received complaints about the condition of two houses on W. New Street. Acting Police Chief Lee will check on these properties. Merkel also reported that he has called U.S. Cable about complaints. He suggested that the citizens file complaints with city hall, that these be documented and that a representative from US Cable be invited to the last meeting in January.

Bross commented that he had complaints about the snow not being removed on the cul de sacs in the Millman Subdivision. Houston explained that there were campers and vehicles parked on those streets.

With no further business before the council, a motion was made by Garner and seconded by Andresen to adjourn the meeting and enter into closed session for the purpose of personnel. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen-Personnel, Merkel-Personnel, Garner-Personnel, Bross-Personnel and Wright-Personnel. Nays; none. The motion carried, the guests left the chambers and the council entered into closed session at 7:40 p.m.

The council reconvened to open session at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Graham presiding. Present were Council members Carolyn Andresen, Emmett Garner, Jeff Merkel, Jim Bross and Tim Wright. Absent was Councilman Coleman. Also present were Chase Hickman, Rhonda Dodd and Harold Lee.

Mayor Graham stated that in closed session a motion was made by Councilman Merkel and seconded by Councilman Garner to offer the position of Police Chief to Eddie Bogue. The roll call vote was as follows: Ayes; Andresen, Merkel, Garner, Bross and Wright. Nays; none. The motion carried. Mayor Graham announced that he called Mr. Bogue and that he accepted the position.

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