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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 2014 MINUTES

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Justin Carlson, Gary Dooley, Rodney Lee and Jason Sims came in two minutes after roll call. Also present: Lynn Esser City Clerk, Rick Davis Public Works Director, Chief Shawne Ross and Tom Olivas Planning & Zoning Administrator.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Gary Dooley moved to accept the agenda and the minutes for all meetings as presented. Justin Carlson made note that his name was incorrect on the September minutes and seconded Gary’s motion. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting September 15, 2014 and Closed Session Minutes of September 15, 2014.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Dale Baker – Halloween In the Park -- Lynn Esser presented Council with an email from Mr. Baker for the plans.
 - b) Mayor Harralson acknowledges Phillip Langford of 311 Pirate Lane. Mr. Langford described to the Board of Alderman the processes that he has been through in his quest to just have a few head of cattle on his property. He asked the Board of Alderman to allow him to have a few head of cattle with a promise to remove some of the equipment he has on his property. There was a lengthy discussion about the rezoning and variance request process which Tom Olivas the Planning & Zoning Administrator also speaking about the process. The Mayor advised Mr. Langford that the Board of Alderman have made their ruling and they are not inclined to change it. No extension for the removal of the animals was given.
 - c) Mayor Harralson acknowledged Betsy Mullings of 5476 Anita. Ms. Mullings advised the Board of Alderman that the 20MPH road signs may not be placed in the best location due to the terrain and she requested that they be moved or that more signs be placed on Anita Street. Ms. Mullings also articulated to the Board of Alderman that she and her neighbor still want at least one street light on Anita St. Rodney Lee moved to have Rick Davis work with Southwest Electric and install one street light on Anita Street. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee also would like a review of the area next year for a possible second light if necessary.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Updates from Planning & Zoning – no representative present
 - b) Update on 200 W Cowden – Rick Davis & Tom Olivas. Rick asked that this issue be moved to closed session. Rodney Lee moved to have item 8(b) moved to item 14(a). Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Update on fence line clean up at the City Park – Rick Davis report the project was finished until the owners actually put a fence in place.
 - d) Update on street maintenance downtown – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that MoDOT wants the City to go all the way to Highway H with the paving Adams St instead of the usual 4-foot setback. A State permit is required and has been requested. Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he has been working with the public works of Bolivar to borrow their grinding machine. He has also been working with Justin Adams to get a skid-steer to move the machine to Pleasant Hope. Grinding will begin on Wednesday and paving to start on the following Monday.
 - e) Update on yard and property violations – Chief Ross requested that this item be part of his monthly report. Item 13.
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) Review of 2014 Forecast and Proposed 2015 Budget – Finance Committee. Lynn Esser reviewed the bottom line numbers for 2014 with the Board of Alderman and provided each Alderman a detail copy of the proposed 2015 Budget.
 - b) BILL # 152 – An Ordinance authorizing and providing a contract between the City of Pleasant Hope and The Empire District Electric Company. (First Reading only). Rodney Lee moved to have the first reading of BILL #152 by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Richard Harralson read aloud BILL #152 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to accept the first reading. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**

Alderman Gary Dooley would like the Public Works Director to contact the owner of the over grown property on the west side of Highway H just north of City Hall and see if they would please to clean it up. This property is not within our City

Limits.

- 11) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman three options that might be taken in connection with the continued effort to establish accountability for the Veterans Wall. Justin Carlson moved to send David Dilley the Agreement Contract . Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. The Board of Alderman was provided all required monthly financial and utility reports. Lynn Esser also reported that the Post Office has lost the rent payment sent to Mullings Commercial on October 3, 2014. Council was in favor of stopping the check and issue a new check
- 12) **Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis reported that the Dollar General construction was moving right along and almost ready for concrete. The crews are working 6-day weeks. The County mowed the right-of-ways last week which neatened up several locations around town.
- 13) **Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross reported that he sent 15 letters to citizens in connections with yard ordinance violations. One citation has been issued and he will be doing follow-ups this week. Chief Ross reported that he has an opportunity to purchase a used bullet proof vest for \$100. This purchase would provide enough vests for all the officers. Justin Carlson moved to allow the Chief purchase the vest for \$100. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. The Chief advised the Board of Alderman that one of his Reserve Officers was finished training and is now on his own. The second Officer is still in training. The Chief reported that the A/C and the power steering leak on the Durango have been fixed. The Board of Alderman was provided a monthly report of all the PHPD activities. Chief Ross requested a closed session to finish is report.
- 14) **Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** Justin Carlson moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Justin Carlson-yes, Jason Sims-yes, Rodney Lee-yes. Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman was going into closed session at 8:26pm. The Mayor announced the Council was back in open session at 9:14pm.
- 15) **Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 9:14pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser