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Regular City Council Meeting April 18, 2016

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Jason Sims, Rodney Lee, Gary Dooley, and Justin Carlson. Also present: Mayor Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Chief Ross, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Water/Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland and City Attorney Travis Elliott.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the Agenda. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting March 28, 2016. Gary Dooley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Presentation of the 2015 Financial Audit** – Matt Wallace of KPM CPAs presented the finding of the Financial Audit for Year 2015. “the basic financial statements, in all material aspects, presented fairly”.
- 8) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) None
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on tree trimming at corner of Carolyn & Kay streets – Rick Davis has yet to contact the property owners.
 - b) Status on MODOT project on the square and ditches south of square – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that MoDOT is waiting on hot mix to be available to totally finish the project.
 - c) Status on changing Lewis Street back to two-way – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that the street is now a two-way, but the placement of the stop sign is a little odd because of the location of the water lines. An additional sign has been placed to advise drivers that a stop sign is imminent. Rodney Lee advised the Board that he had received a phone call from Marilyn Homer. Her concern was that head lights shine into their home at 200 S Main when drivers come towards Main St. She also was concerned that if someone missed the stop sign they would drive into their house. Chief Ross and public works are monitoring the intersection for issues.
 - d) Status on bids for repair of walking trail in the City Park – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that bids for the job are hard to get since it is such a small job. He had spoken to several contractors about the project, but never received a written bid. Ball Paving has bid the project at \$5,400 to replace the bad spots and to resurface the entire trail. Rodney Lee moved to accept Ball Paving’s bid of \$5,400. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
 - e) Status on bids for repair of flood damage of ditch in front of Park - Rick Davis is still working on these bids. The cost to construct a wall, like the one in front of the school, will be around \$18,000. The grant would require 25% from the City. The \$4,500 would come from the Transportation Fund as ditch repair needed to control flooding. The grant approval will be in June.
 - f) Report from Zoning Administrator – Sheldon Smith & City Attorney Travis Elliot – Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation. Gary Dooley moved to go into closed session to discuss litigation issues. Rodney Lee second. Roll Call Vote: Jason Sims-yes, Gary Dooley-yes, Rodney Lee-yes and Justin Carlson-yes. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman is going into closed session at 7:20pm. The Mayor asked Alderman Elect Brad Mullings to join the closed session. Chief Ross cleared the room. At 8:10pm Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman was back in open session.
 - g) Motion to accept the Election Results from April 5, 2016. The City Clerk Lynn Esser announced that two candidates ran unopposed and by RSMo 115.124 these two candidates will be the new aldermen-at-large: Gary Dooley and Brad Mullings. Justin Carlson moved to accept the election results. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed. Jason Sims cordially said his good-byes.
- 10) **New Business**
 - a) Swearing in of the newly elected Board Members – City Clerk Lynn Esser administered the Oath of Office to Gary Dooley and Brad Mullings. Mr. Mullings took his place at the table.
 - b) Selection of a Board President – Justin Carlson nominated Rodney Lee for Board President. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

- c) Selection of a third signer for city business – Rodney Lee nominated Gary Dooley to be the third signer for city business. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- d) Selection of a representative to sit on Zoning Board – Justin Carlson nominated Rodney Lee to be the alderman who sits on the Zoning Board. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none oppose.
- e) BILL #170 - An ordinance amending Ordinance 249(g) pertaining to the pay rates of employees of the City of Pleasant Hope by position. Rodney Lee moved to have the first reading of BILL #170 by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #170 by title only. Justin Carlson moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill #170 by title only. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #249(h) by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading and pass Bill #170. Roll Call Vote: Rodney Lee-yes, Gary Dooley-yes, Justin Carlson-yes and Brad Mullings-yes. Bill #170 became Ordinance 249(h).
- f) Annual review of City’s Ethics Policy – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with a copy of the Ethic’s Policy with a certification page. She advised the Board of Alderman that the policy had not changed, but is annually reviewed and each officer will need to sign the certification page and return to her.
- g) Quarterly Review of Budget – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman a written report.
- h) Senate Bill #5 Update – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with a written update from the MML site.

11) Mayor and Alderman Communications:

Rodney Lee asked if Chief had given any citations for yards. Chief stated he would be starting that process this week.

12) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser – Provided written reports for all required financial and water utilities.

13) Monthly Report Public Works

- Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he had two bids to purchase a 6’ cutter commercial grade. Purchase was approved as part of the 2016 budget. Bids were from Crown Power & Equipment in Bolivar - \$2,250 and \$2,175 from S&H Farm Supply in Rogersville. He did not have a third bid on a “Brush Hog” brand because there are no other Brush Hog dealers within 50-miles. Rodney Lee moved to accept the bid from S&H and to allow Rick Davis to purchase said cutter. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- Troy Copeland reported that the DNR audit went fine but there are a few minor changes that need to be made. The DNR auditor recommended the City adopt a formal backflow requirements ordinance. He state that he has a DNR provided template and will be working with Lynn Esser to get it ready for next month.
- Troy Copeland advised the Board of Alderman that Paula Byrd would like to request that the City consider designating, by proclamation, June 8th as “Retired Teachers Day”. Gary Dooley move to have June 8th as the official Retired Teachers Day. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.

14) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Chief Shawne Ross provide a written report of PHPD activities.

15) Adjourn - Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:38pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser