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## **Minutes for Regular City Council Meeting August 17, 2015**

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Justin Carlson, Jason Sims and Rodney Lee. Also present Mayor Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland and Chief Shawne Ross.
- 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 of July 20, 2015. Gary Dooley moved to approve the Minutes for July 20, 2015. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee brought forward an invoice for an ad that ran in the Bolivar paper in connection with the Chamber of Commerce All City Garage Sale and the Art in the Park function; which was not sponsored by the City, but was coordinated by private individuals that work for the City. The Chamber is saying that they did not approve the ad and would not pay for the ad. Jeanie Stacy and Rick Davis worked on the ad as private individuals not in connection with the Chamber or the City. Payment for the ad is between Rick Davis and Jeanie Stacy not the City.  
Jason Sims moved to pay the current pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
  - a) none
- 8) **Old Business:**
  - a) Review status of installation of metal roof for workshop – Rick Davis reported that progress was slow because of the heat, but will be finished as soon as the weather is more reasonable.
  - b) Status on drainage and flooding issues 2006 Carolyn – Rick Davis presented several options for the problems. Justin Carlson moved to table the issue until the City Attorney has reviewed the options. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) Status on health & safety issues Pleasant Hope businesses – Rick Davis reported that progress was being made by the Pleasant Hope Farm Store.
- 9) **New Business**
  - a) **Review Business License Application for Junction Grill.** The Board of Alderman was advised that the owner of Next Stop C-Store had partitioned off the Junction Grill and it is no longer accessible from the store. It has its own entrance and cash register. The manager of the store has made application for a business license and provided a copy of her county merchants license, a copy of current health inspection and a no tax due letter. Justin Carlson moved to approve the application and issue a business license to the Junction Grill. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.  
Rodney Lee noted that Randy Rael, 312 S Main has possibly started a business on his property and may need to address the Planning and Zoning Commission to rezone his property. Mr. Rael should make application for a business license to start the process. The Board of Alderman directed Public Works Director Rick Davis to contact Mr. Rael.
  - b) **Discussion on any projects the Board of Alderman wants in the 2016 Budget.** City Clerk Lynn Esser opened the discussion requesting any large projects that the Board of Alderman had in mind for 2016 and beyond; so they can be included in the budget process.
    - ✓ Mayor Harralson would like to build a 30x50 ft. public works building on the workshop lot on Main Street. The building should be big enough to hold all equipment and public works supplies. This will

clean-up both the water tower lot and the current shop area. He estimated the cost at \$14,000 to \$15,000.

- ✓ Rodney Lee would like to smooth out the walking trail at the park and possibly resurface. He also solicited ideas for keeping the creek ditch free of weeds.
- ✓ Rodney Lee would like the Board of Alderman to consider the purchase of the lot to the north of the park. Cost unknown.
- ✓ Rick Davis would like the Board of Alderman to consider sealing an estimated 4-miles of roads in 2016 at an estimated cost of \$23,000. The sealer will help to extend the life of the road.
- ✓ Rodney Lee and Chief Ross would like the Board of Alderman to consider hiring a part-time police officer and possibly purchasing a new/used police car.
- ✓ Chief Ross would like to repaint the currently owned police cars because of missing paint and rust. The Board of Alderman directed Chief Ross to prepare an all-encompassing vehicle cost analysis for the PHPD.

**10) Mayor and Alderman Communications**

- ✓ Mayor Harralson voiced concern about the safety of the Board of Alderman in light of the random shootings that have been happening in other communities. He would like to have a Police presence at the front door of the meeting at all times. It would be up to the Chief or one of his officers to enforce the no firearms requirement and confront any possible security issues. The City Attorney will be asked to what extent the City can go in securing the entrance.
- ✓ Alderman Gary Dooley opened a discussion on security cameras outside the building entrance and inside in the lobby area.
- ✓ Justin Carlson voiced concerns about the gate at the water tower lot not being secured (locked). Both Rick Davis and Troy Copeland agreed to put a padlock on the gate.
- ✓ Rodney Lee voiced concerns about the height of the weeds in ditches in certain areas around the City. Rick Davis would contact the State for some of the issues and he would mow the others himself.

**11) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser – All financial and utility reports were provided.

**12) Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis presented the Board of Alderman with three bids to seal 10,000 feet of cracks in the streets around the City. He advised them that this project is part of the 2015 Budget.

C&C Asphalt Maintenance LLC	\$9,778.
Infinity Asphalt	\$7,500.
Ball Paving	\$6,000.

Rodney Lee moved to accept Ball Paving's bid. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.

Troy Copeland advised the Board of Alderman that David McIntosh had finished his volunteer services for the City and has gone back to college. Troy passed around an "appreciation for his service" letter for support signatures from the Board of Alderman, Mayor and City Clerk.

**13) Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross reviewed some yard violations and provided the Board of Alderman with a written report of monthly activities of the PHPD.

**14) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** Unused

**15) Adjourn** – Justin Carlson moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:42pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser