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Regular City Council Meeting
Minutes February 16, 2015 at 7pm

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson opened the meeting at 7pm
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen Present: Gary Dooley, Rodney Lee, Jason Sims and Justin Carlson. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Chief Shawne Ross and City Attorney Travis Elliott.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to add BILL # 159 to item (8). Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve the agenda with changes. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting of January 19, 2015. Justin Carlson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Jim Veach – 503 S Main St – water leak. Mr. Veach addressed the Board of Alderman about his water leak. Without a history to make the adjustment, Rodney Lee moved to remove the Sewer Charges for February Bill. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Lien documents for 200 W Cowden – Travis Elliott, City Attorney addressed the Board of Alderman explaining both Bill #159 and the attachment of the Special Tax Bill. BILL# 159 An Ordinance Relating to the Abatement of Dangerous Building at 200 W Cowden and Approval of Special Tax Bill. Rodney Lee moved to have the first reading of Bill #159 by title only. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #159 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill #159 by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #159 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading of Bill #159 and to pass Bill #159. Justin Carlson second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Rodney Lee-yes, Jason Sims-yes and Justin Carlson-yes. Bill #159 became Ordinance 303.
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) BILL # 158 An Ordinance Repealing Chapter 255 Related to Nuisances and Enacting a New Chapter 255 Relating to Nuisances. Travis Elliott presented the Board of Alderman with the revised ordinance. He reviewed all the changes that were made. Rodney Lee moved to have the first reading of Bill #158 by title only with modifications. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #158 with modifications by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the first reading of Bill #158 with modifications and have the second reading by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #158 with modifications by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading of Bill #158 and pass Bill #158 with modifications. Justin Carlson second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Rodney Lee-yes, Jason Sims-yes and Justin Carlson-yes. Bill #158 passed and became Ordinance 304.
 - b) Delay in obtaining liability insurance bids-- Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that the agencies that are bidding the new policy have stated that they are having problems with turnaround time from their underwriters and would like an extension on the deadline. Justin Carlson moved to extend the deadline for bids to February 25, 2015 and for the Board of

Alderman to have a Special Meeting on March 3 at 6:30pm to review and select a policy. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.

- c) Renewal of City Hall Lease – Rodney Lee moved to allow the Mayor to sign a one year lease with Mullings Commercial to rent 5492 Highway H Suite C. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- d) Verizon Service Changes – Mayor Harralson asked the Board of Alderman to consider upgrading, at no charge, both his phone and Troy Copeland’s phone. The Mayor also requested that his phone be a smartphone. After discussing the possibilities Mayor Harralson decided not to upgrade to a smartphone. Rodney Lee moved to upgrade Troy Copeland’s phone. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Gary Dooley moved to have the Windstream charges related to the police department charged to the Law Enforcement Fund on a monthly basis. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- e) 2014 Financial Audit update – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that the auditors were in on Friday Feb 13 to begin the process. They will return on Feb 26 & 27 to wrap up.

10) Mayor and Alderman Communications

Rodney Lee requested the Chief look into ordinance violations at 108 Adams and 104 Adams. Gary Dooley requested the Chief about the speed limit on Adams St and signage.

11) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser provided all the required financial and utility reports.

12) Monthly Report Public Works – not present due to snow removal duties

13) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Chief Shawne Ross provided the Board of Alderman a written report of PHPD activity. He also notified them that the Durango will need a new starter and brakes. Chief Ross presented the Board of Alderman with a new Taser Policy that he would like to add to the Police Operations Manual. Rodney Lee moved to approve the Taser Policy. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. The City Attorney, Travis Elliott address the Board of Alderman about a Bill in Jefferson City that will limit and reduce the municipal fines from no more than 30% of the general operating expenses to 10% of the general operating expenses. He advised the Board to make themselves heard in Jefferson City.

14) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Rodney Lee moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1). Justin Carlson second. Roll Call Vote: Jason Sims-yes, Justin Carlson-yes, Gary Dooley-yes and Rodney Lee-yes. Mayor Harralson announces that the Board of Alderman was going into a closed session at 8:55pm. At 9:31 Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman was again in open session.

15) Adjourn – Rodney Lee moved to adjourn. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting a 9:32pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser