

The City of Pleasant Hope 5492 Highway H Pleasant Hope, Mo.65725

Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
February 17, 2014

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Justin Carlson, Justin Adams and Rodney Lee. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Chief Shawne Ross and Public Works Director Rick Davis.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Gary Dooley moved to approve the Agenda. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting January 20, 2014 and Closed Session for January 20, 2014 – Gary Dooley moved to approve the Minutes of January 20, 2014 including closed session. 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) **Bids for City Liability and Workers' Compensation for March 12, 2014 to March 12, 2015**
 - a) **Kirk Risner** – Advisor Insurance Agency – called in sick and was not present. Council was provided a copy of the Advisor Insurance Agency's bid.
 - b) **Casey Chastain** – Connell Insurance Inc. – Mr. Chastain was present and available for questions.
 - ✓ Bid Renewal: Advisor Insurance Agency of Willard Missouri through Missouri Service Corp. Savers P&C Insurance Company \$9,918.00
 - ✓ Bid: Connell Insurance, Inc. of Branson Missouri through Argo Group International Holding, Ltd. \$8,242.00Council also reviewed the A.M. Best Co. financial strength ratings for both entities. Rodney Lee moved to accept the bid form Connell Insurance, Inc. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Thomas Schlenk – U S Merchant System – Mr. Schlenk made a proposal to set the City up to use debt and credit card processing for water bills. Justin Carlson moved to accept a 90-day trial with a \$2 up charge to customers to cover the cost of the providing the convenience. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - a) Update from Planning & Zoning Commission – Justin Adams advised Council that the Commission is still having trouble finding citizens that want to serve on the Commission. There are two seats open. The Commission will not meet again until after the general election in April.
 - b) Update on Lift Station #1 – Troy Copeland provided a written report on the status and Rick Davis took questions. The new pump is sitting on a ship that is trying to entering at the Great Lakes Port which is blocked by ice.
- 10) **New Business**
 - a) None
- 11) **Mayor and Alderman Communication:**
 - ✓ Rodney Lee asked what the status is on the clean-up of 200 W Cowden and 301 S Rush St. The Chief advised that citations were issued and will be on the docket for court on this Wednesday (February 19). Rodney Lee moved to have the Public Works Director start the official process for condemnation of both addresses. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none

opposed.

- ✓ Justin Carlson asked what the status is on fixing Bradley St. which is getting worse. Rick Davis advised Council that an underground creek is causing the heaving that is causing all the cracks in the pavement. Rick Davis will pursue recommendations from APAC.

- 12) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided all the required financial and water utility reports and voiced great concern about the January sales tax incomes being far less than anticipated. She also noted that the next few months are historically very high in expenses due to the payment of the City Liability Insurance premium, the Workers' Comp Premium and the costs of the annual audit. Matt Wallace, auditor for KPM CPAs spent a full day on February 12th doing preliminary tasks and will return on March 13 to complete. The City Asset Inventory has been reviewed by each department and updated. Lynn Esser reminded Council that the ballot in April will contain the Law Enforcement Tax issue and need to get the community educated on the issue. Lynn Esser provided Council with a written report on the number of rental units and landlords in the city. The City of Pleasant Hope is made up of 41.5% rental properties.
- 13) Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis spoke to Council about the need to have three new radios programed (two for the police and one for emergency management) at a cost of about \$140 each. Rick Davis also advised Council that the ownership of Tai Shin Foods is in the hands of the attorneys and he is hopeful that activity will start soon. Rick Davis reported that he attended the Transportation Advisory Committee meeting which covers the maintenance issues for all of Missouri. Rick Davis announced that he will be running for Polk County Presiding Commissioner.
- 14) Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross provided a written report and spoke to Council about donated siren boxes that are being tested. Hopefully one will work and can be installed in the Durango with the new radio installation.
- 15) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.**
- 16) Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:11 pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser