

The City of Pleasant Hope
5492 Highway H
Pleasant Hope, Mo 65725
Minutes City Council Meeting February 21, 2011

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Homer called the meeting to order at 7:00pm
2. Roll call – Present Gary Dooley, Richard Harralson, Absent – David Haase. Also present: Mayor John Homer, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Reserve Officer Donald Welch and Chief Lopez. Diana Shanks, appointed and approved last meeting was sworn in by the City Clerk Lynn Esser and took her seat at the table thus establishing a quorum.
3. **Moment of Silent Prayer**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Approval of Minutes** – January 17, 2011, Special Meetings January 20 & January 24, 2011
6. **Approval of Pending Bills** – Richard Harralson moved to approve the Agenda, the Minutes from January 17, 2011, Special Meetings January 20 & January 24, 2011 and Pending Bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
7. **Comments and Questions from the public**
 - a) **Steven Elliott** – water leak: Lynn Esser explained to Council that Mr. Elliott had a large leak at the apartment and walked away from his water bill. She asked Council if she should pursue recovery of the entire bill, including the leak which was \$812. Gary Dooley moved to try and recover only the amount charged \$161.94 prior to the leak. Richard Harralson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) **JoAnne Chandler** – addressed Council concerning a difficult to find water leak. She advised Council that she has discussed with a plumber about replacing the line from the meter to the house rather than find the old line and the leak. However, due to weather and the ground being so muddy she has not been able to start the work. She asked Council for financial assistances until the work can be completed. Richard Harralson moved to allow Ms. Chandler to be charged an average bill of \$59.71 for February and March. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) **Dixie Wilson** –sewer adjustment because of livestock. Mrs. Wilson asked Council that she be on a flat rate for sewer based on her water allocation history. Richard Harralson moved to set-up Mrs. Wilson on a flat sewer rate. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
8. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Status on Metal Recycle Project** – Troy Copeland advised Council that the project was on hold until the weather is more cooperative. Public Works is looking at really getting the project moving in April.
 - b) **Status on Clean Up of Lot 90** – Troy Copeland advised Council that the cleanup has been put on hold until the weather is more cooperative. The burning of the trash cannot take place until we have more rain.
9. **New Business**
 - a) **Kirk Risner – Advisor Insurance Agency** advised Council that he only had one bid for our Liability Insurance for 2011-2012, but looks to have another bid in the next week. He will, at that time, also have bids for the City Workers Compensation Insurance policy. Gary Dooley moved to have a Special Meeting on Monday March 7 at 7pm to review all the insurance bids. Richard Harralson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) **Application from McKay Perry for a liquor license** – Mr. Perry’s application was reviewed. Richard Harralson moved to approve Mr. Perry’s liquor license. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) **Permission to Destroy various documents from 1963-1980** by City Clerk. Richard Harralson moved to allow the City Clerk to properly destroy various records as documented. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
10. **Mayor’s Communications**
 - Mayor Homer opened the discussion on issuing fireworks permits to sell fireworks inside the city limits. The current City Ordinance allows for the fireworks to be sold, however it does require a permit but does not define the cost of a permit fee. Mayor Homer presented Council with a draft Seasonal Retail Fireworks Permit. The City Attorney, Mel Gilbert, discussed the pros and cons of the draft permit and recommended additional information be added. He also discussed the need for an ordinance that would establish the permit fee. Richard Harralson move to approve the Seasonal Retail Fireworks Permit with changes. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.

- Mayor Homer opened the discussion on requiring a Business License Application and Fee. City Attorney Mel Gilbert discussed the pros and cons of the draft permit and business license issues. He also advised that an ordinance would need to be drafted to establish the license process and fees. Richard Harralson moved to approve the Business Licenses Application as presented by Mayor Homer. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Richard Harralson moved to have bill(s) drafted for the fees associated with these new applications. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - Mayor Homer asked if there was any input on the letter he sent polling opinions on what the City could do to attract new businesses and residences. The letter was sent to each of the current Aldermen and all the Candidates for office. No ideas were presented. Richard Harralson moved to table this topic until the March 7, 2011 meeting. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 11. Monthly Report Attorney** – Mel Gilbert advised Council that there would not be any court in April.
- 12. Monthly Report City Clerk** – Lynn Esser provided Council with a complete set of financial and water reports for the month of February.
- Lynn Esser requested permission to trash a broken chair inventory #1076 and a non-working telephone inventory #2089. Gary Dooley moved to allow Lynn to dispose of items #1076 and #2089. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
 - Lynn Esser presented Council with a letter from Anthem for a price increase on her healthcare premium. She is aware of the 20% employees must pay but would like to have Council approve the higher premium starting March 1, 2011. Richard Harralson moved to approve the reimbursement of the new \$691.39 premium minus 20% starting March 1st. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - Lynn Esser presented Council with bids for water billing cards. She was directed to take the lowest bid.
 - Lynn Esser advised Council that Wayland Mueller from Davis, Lynn and Moots would be arrive the last week of March to start the 2010 Financial Audit.
- 13. Monthly Report Public Works** – Troy Copeland advised Council that PW-1 is making some odd noise and he will be acquiring bids for repair, PW1.5 was taken into the Springfield and is being serviced and assessed for smoking exhaust issues and Rick Davis has been working on the FEMA numbers for snow removal costs and the paperwork is underway.
- 14. Monthly Report Police Dept** – Chief Lopez provided Council with a written monthly report.
- Chief Lopez requested permission to acquire a FREE 4x4 vehicle from Jeff City for Police use only. Gary Dooley moved to allow Chief to pursue the search for a free 4x4 vehicle. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
 - Chief Lopez requested permission to spend \$360 police training fund dollars to enroll in POST credit online training. This will allow three officers to do online training. Richard Harralson moved to allow Chief Lopez to spend \$360 for online training. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
 - Chief Lopez provided Council with two bids and a third contact that no longer does the wiring for on dash police cameras. The Chief advised Council that the City owns a brand new dash camera that has never been installed. The bids are to remove the old non-working camera and install the new dash camera in car #2227. Richard Harralson moved to use J&H Custom Wheel & Accessories in Bolivar to due the camera replacement work. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - Reserve Office Donald Welsh presented Council with a discussion on two types of narcotic testing kits; comparing the currently used kit with a different type testing kit. Richard Harralson move to allow Chief Lopez to purchase narcotic testing kit for \$61.00. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.

Doug Mullings addressed Council about purchasing a parcel of land behind the duplex that is for sale. This is part of Lot 90. Mayor Homer advised Mr. Mullings that in order for the City to sell the property it would need to be appraised, a notice that it was for sale would need to be published and bids to purchase would need to be taken.

- 15. Adjourn** – Diana Shanks moved to adjourn. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Homer adjourned the meeting at 9:00pm.