

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

**Minutes**  
**City of Pleasant Regular City Council Meeting**  
**January 16, 2012**

1. **Call to Order** - Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm
2. **Roll call** – Aldermen Present: Gary Dooley, Michael Brakebill, Justin Adams and Jamie Hannaford. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland and Chief Aaron Beauchamp. City Attorney Mel Gilbert arrived later.
3. **Moment of Silent Prayer**
4. **Approval of Agenda** – Gary Dooley moved to approve the Agenda. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.
5. **Approval of Minutes:** Regular Meeting December 19, 2011 & Open Hearing for 2012 Budget December 19, 2012 – Gary Dooley moved to approve all the Minutes for December 19, 2011. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed.
6. **Approval of Pending Bills** – Michael Brakebill moved to approve Pending Bills. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed.
7. **Bid Openings**
  - a) Opening of bids to purchase 1993 Ford F350 4x4 – City Clerk Lynn Esser advised Council that only one bid was received. Leonard Smith of Brighton offer \$650. Gary Dooley moved to accept Mr. Smith’s offer. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Awarding of bids for Lagoon Disinfection Project – Aldermen received the bid details as part of their packets. There were three bids all bids were over \$100,000, some were more than double the original amounts Jerry Jesky presented to Council before the bids were let. Jerry Jesky advised Council that the spread in price could be attributed to the fact that no small contractors bid the job. Jerry also advised Council that he had reviewed the plans with the lowest bidder in hopes of lowering the price, but could not get it under \$100,000. Council then discussed the aspects of a Small Borrowers Loan from DNR. City Attorney Mel Gilbert discussed this option’s annual renewable clause which allows municipalities to borrow up to \$100,000 without going through the bond process. Gary Dooley moved to reject all bids. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed. City Clerk will work on the DNR loan. Michael Brakebill moved to have Olsson Associates redesign the plans in an effort to lower the costs. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed. Jerry Jesky will tweek the plans and have an informal meeting with Troy, Rick and Lynn by phone first week of February. 1-3. He will make preparations to rebid the job, with advertisement in the newspaper in February or March. This project’s progress will be reviewed at the February 20, 2012.
8. **Comments and Questions from the public**
  - a) Kay Kamerer – 401 S Main St – water issue. Ms. Kamerer was not present. Jamie Hannaford moved to have all Water and Sewer Adjustment Requests presented in writing to Council with written request to the City Clerk by noon on Thursday before the meeting and that the individual or an agent for the individual be present at the City Council meeting to discuss the issue. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed. City Clerk will design a form and implement immediately.
  - b) Citizen Complaint – John Homer – Rubble removal on a Lewis Street lot. Michael Brakebill moved to have the City Clerk send a letter to the owner of the lot advising them that they have 30-days from the date of the letter to clean up the pile of rubble or receive a citation for each day it is not removed. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
9. **Old Business:**
  - a) Status on new water line under Hwy 215 East of Hwy H – Troy Copeland advised Council there was no change. Rick is still waiting on bids.
  - b) Status on Adams St and McCurry St – Troy Copeland advised Council that due to weather this project will not be completed until spring. Gary Dooley moved to table item 9(b) until the March 19, 2012 regular meeting. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) Status on banking change – Lynn Esser advised Council that most of the funds have been moved to O’Bannon Bank. She is leaving a small amount in the checking account to cover a couple of checks that have not cleared and until the Verizon auto payment is changed over.

**10. New Business**

- a) **Bill #119 - An Ordinance Appointing and setting forth the compensation of the City Attorney for the City of Pleasant Hope for a term beginning January 1, 2012 and ending December 31, 2012.** Michael Brakebill moved to have the first reading of Bill #119 by title only. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud by title only Bill #119. Michael Brakebill moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill #119 by title only. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #119 by title only. Michael Brakebill moved to approve the second reading of Bill #119 and to pass Bill #119. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call Vote: Justin Adams-yes, Jamie Hannaford-yes, Gary Dooley-yes, and Michael Brakebill-yes. Bill #119 is now Ordinance 268.
  - b) **Resolution #1-2012 - A resolution to establish the annual mileage reimbursement rate for fiscal year 2012.** Michael Brakebill moved to approve Resolution #1-2012. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed.
11. **Mayor's Communications** – Mayor Harralson ask if anyone had anything that needed to be discussed.
  12. **Park Committee Report** – no report provided.
  13. **Monthly Report Attorney** – Mel Gilbert presented Council with a draft for an ordinance for the placement of manufactured homes. City Clerk also offered a draft for the same ordinance. Mel asked Council to review and pick from both drafts the parts that would go into the final draft and review together at the next meeting. Mel Gilbert also invited the Aldermen and the Mayor to his Annual Regional Meeting which will probably be held in Bolivar this year. The tentative dates are Oct 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>. The topic will be Beautification Grants for Small Towns. The dinner is free to elected officials. Other employees may attend at their own expense or Council may elect to pay for their meals.
  14. **Monthly Report City Clerk** – Lynn Esser advised Council that the Semi-Annual Financial Report will be ready for publication before the end of the month. Davis, Lynn and Moots will begin the audit of 2011 financials with a meeting on Feb 3 and then the audit will be on March 8&9<sup>th</sup>. The packet for this month contains the December financials and Water Utility reports plus the end of year Profit and Loss for Year 2011.
  15. **Monthly Report Public Works** – Troy Copeland advised Council that he and Rick Davis were working on a new water line last week for another group of trailers that Dave Davis is placing behind 304 S Main and they nicked a water line. Service to customers on Main Street was interrupted for a short period of time while it was repaired. The little truck is running fine. No repairs were needed. Tractor will be removed from the water lockup as soon as they can get it to start.
  16. **Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Aaron Beauchamp provided a written report of general activities. Both he and Patrolman Shane Ireland spent a lot of time working the Tai Shin break-in. He also had a call for a horse and buggy accident. Reserve Officer Andy Baty is doing great and will soon be on his own.
  17. **Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:41pm.

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**Richard Harralson, Mayor**

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**Lynn Esser, City Clerk**