

**The City of Pleasant Hope**  
**5492 Highway H**  
**Pleasant Hope, Mo 65725**  
**City Council Meeting January 17, 2011**

1. Call to Order – Mayor John Homer called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
2. Roll call – Present: Aldermen Richard Harralson, David Haase, Gary Dooley. Also present Mayor John Homer, City Clerk Lynn Esser and Chief Lopez. City Attorney Mel Gilbert arrived later.
3. Moment of Silent Prayer
4. Approval of Agenda – Richard Harralson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of 9.b. Nomination of an alderman to fill Eric Hindes vacant position. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
5. Approval of Minutes – December 20, 2010 – Gary Dooley moved to approve the minutes from December 20, 2010. Richard Harralson second. All in favor none opposed.
6. Approval of Pending Bills – Gary Dooley moved to approve payment of pending bills. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
7. Comments and Questions from the public
  - a) Tammy Hillenburg – water leak. Ms. Hillenburg was not present. Richard Harralson moved to adjust Ms. Hillenburg’s bill to a three month average using the Sept, Oct and Nov 2010. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Mark Rumeliote – water leak. Lynn Esser advised Council that Mr. Rumeliote could not attend because of a work conflict. Richard Harralson moved to adjust Mr. Rumeliote’s bill to a three month average using Aug, Sept, and Oct 2010. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) Pleasant Hope Elementary School – water leak. No one was present to represent the school. Alderman David Haase addressed Council about the leak. Records show that the leak was three billing cycles old before it was addressed by the school. Richard Harralson moved to adjust the Pleasant Hope Elementary School bill by averaging the sewer only using usage amounts from Oct, Nov and Dec 2009 as a base. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
  - d) Doyle Hill – flat rate for sewer for his Ice Company. Mr. Hill was not present. Lynn Esser addressed Council. Mr. Hill is moving his Ice Co into the same building as his Auto Repair Shop. Water used to make ice does not go through the sewer. Richard Harralson moved to change the sewer rate at 102 W. Adams to standard flat rate based on sewer only customers. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
8. Old Business:
  - a) Police Reserve Officers – Chief Lopez introduced two candidates for Reserve Officers to City Council. Donald Welch and Bobby Meade addressed Council and answered their questions. Richard Harralson moved to table this item until the next regular meeting February 21, 2011. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Status on Metal Recycle Project – Richard Harralson advised Council that the project was progressing – slowly.
  - c) Update on Scrap Tire Surfacing Grant. Lynn Esser advised Council that the cost of this reimbursable grant was greater than anticipated and she would not recommend the City pursuing the grant at this time. Richard Harralson moved to pass on the pursuit of this grant at this time. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
9. New Business
  - a) Resolution 1-2011 – A resolution by the City of Pleasant Hope, Missouri relating to reimbursement of mileage for the use of a personal vehicle pertaining to city business. Richard Harralson moved to pass Resolution 1-2011. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.

- b) Nomination of an alderman to fill Eric Hindes vacant position. Mayor John Homer moved to appoint Diana Shanks to the vacant alderman position of Eric Hindes. Richard Harralson moved to confirm the appointment of Diana Shanks as Alderman for the City of Pleasant Hope. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call Vote. David Haase-yes, Gary Dooley-yes, and Richard Harralson-yes. Motion passed.

**10. Mayor's Communications**

- City Hall experienced a flood in three offices adjacent to the empty suite to the south. The suite does not have any heat and a water pipe burst on the evening of January 13, 2011 disrupting the Municipal Court. The Mayor would like to thank Troy Copeland and Lynn Esser for their efforts in moving furniture and other stuff out of the flooded offices, vacuuming up the water and cleaning up the areas. Lynn Esser provided the City with the use of a wet vac and commercial sized fans to dry the areas.
- Mayor Homer advised Council that on January 25, 2011 at 10 am at Bolivar City Hall there will be a meeting for all taxing entities of Polk County to discuss the Enhanced Enterprise Zone initiative. All the aldermen are invited to attend. Mayor Homer also extended the invitation to alderman candidate Robert Morin who was in attendance.

**11. Monthly Report Attorney – Mel Gilbert requested a certified ordinance from the City Clerk and shared a letter he received from an unhappy ticket recipient.**

**12. Monthly Report City Clerk – Lynn Esser provided Council with all the financial reports for December and a copy of the soon to be published Semi-Annual report for July-December 2010. Lynn Esser advised Council that Kirk Risner of Advisory Insurance will be providing Council with three bids from different underwriters for the city liability policy, worker comp policy and surety policy at the March 2011 meeting. Lynn Esser also advised Council that Empire District Electric replaced a mercury-vapor light at the corner of Murray St and Highway H. This replacement requires paperwork that needs the Mayor's signature. Richard Harralson moved to allow the Mayor to sign the change order for said street light at a savings of \$5.01 per year. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.**

**13. Monthly Report Public Works – not present**

**14. Monthly Report Police Dept – Written report provided. Questions answered.**

**15. Adjourn – David Haase moved to adjourn. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Homer adjourned the meeting at 8.11pm.**