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Minutes Regular City Council Meeting January 18, 2016

- 1) **Call to order** - Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 6:59pm
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Jason Sims, Rodney Lee, Gary Dooley and Justin Carlson. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis and Chief of Police Shawne Ross.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the Agenda. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular meeting December 21, 2015. Gary Dooley moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to pay pending bills. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Colby Grove – Pharmacy prospects – Rick Davis introduced Marsha Poindexter of Triple Guard Insurance to the Board of Alderman. Ms. Poindexter in turn introduced Whitney Grove and Colby Grove of Grove Pharmacy. Whitney Grove addressed the Board of Alderman with information about the Grove family pharmacy and introduced his brother Colby Grove, a certified pharmacist. Grove Pharmacy would like to bring a pharmacy into Pleasant Hope. General conversation was exchanged. The Board of Alderman advised the brothers that a pharmacy would be well received in the community and encouraged them to pursue their plan.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on health & safety issues Pleasant Hope businesses – Rick Davis reported that the metal ceiling installation was almost finished.
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) Introduction of candidates for PHPD Part-Time Patrolman – Chief Shawne Ross introduced Jon Beaty of Strafford as his final candidate to fill the new part-time patrolman position budgeted for 2016. Mr. Beaty addressed the Board of Alderman. Rodney Lee moved to hire Jon Beaty as a 20-hour part-time patrolman at an hourly rate of \$9.25 according to Ordinance 249(g). Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) RESOLUTION 1-2016 A Resolution By The City Of Pleasant Hope, Missouri Relating To Reimbursement Of Mileage For Use Of A Personal Vehicle Pertaining To City Business. Rodney Lee moved to approve Resolution 1-2016. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) O'Bannon Bank Contract – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that the bid process for bank services was missed and the contract with O'Bannon Bank expired January 1st. She also advised the Board of Alderman that per her research of RSMo and contact with Richard Sheets of MML; the City is not required to take bids for banking service on a regular schedule. She advised the Board of Alderman that she received a new contract from O'Bannon Bank for 2016 and 2017. The contract contains exactly the same services and rates as the old contract. Rodney Lee moved to accept the contract for services from O'Bannon Bank for 2016-2017. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - d) Approval of the Semi-Annual Financial Statement – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with a copy of the statement and advised them that with their approval it would be published in the January 27 edition of the Bolivar Herald-Free Press. Rodney Lee moved to approve the Semi-Annual Statement for publication. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - e) Financial audit for year 2015 – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that an auditor from KPM CPAs & Advisors would be in the office on January 20, 2016 to begin the 2015 financial audit.

- f) Request to destroy records prior to 2011 as authorized by RSMo Chapter 10, Section 255 – Lynn Esser provided a written request to destroy old records. Rodney Lee moved to allow the City Clerk to destroy records in accordance with RSMo Chapter 10, Section 255. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

10) Mayor and Alderman Communications

- Alderman Gary Dooley was still concerned about the pile of brush behind his property. Rick Davis advised him that the pile was not going to be burned. Mr. Brakebill had advised him that he would be hauling the brush away.

- 11) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided a final look at the financial year 2015 as well as all the required monthly reports. She also advised the Board of Alderman that Cox Healthcare Insurance has notified her that due to the employee eligibility requirement imposed by the Affordable Care Act the City needs to revise their Personnel Manual to meet the employee eligibility requirements. She suggested: “The employee is eligible for coverage effective on the 91st day of employment.” Rodney Lee moved to accept the change to the Personnel Manual. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.

12) Monthly Report Public Works –

- Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that the new pump at lift #1 was under water and damaged by the recent flooding. He and Troy will be taking the pump to KC for an estimate of repairs.
- Rick Davis introduced Kirk Cook Operations Manager for Moon Ridge Foods. Mr. Cook addressed the Board of Alderman with information on the progress of repairs and installations at the location. They are working on the building right now and expect to open mid-July. Mr. Cook advised the Board of Alderman that he will be going in front of the Polk County Commissioners in April to hopefully acquire control of the road that splits the property and then fence and gate the property as required by USDA. Moon Ridge Foods will have 24/7 security. Mr. Cook advised the Board of Alderman that they will be hiring 120-140 workers and 18-managers. They will be working hard to hire locals before advertising to the world.
- Rick Davis and Kirk Cook are working on the portion of the grant received by Moon Ridge Foods that includes new sewer lines and a new lift station.
- Rick advised the Board of Alderman that Troy Copeland and volunteer David McIntosh are in the process of painting all the interior walls of City Hall. They have finished the lobby, Mayors office, hallway and the meeting room. Troy still plan to do the other individual offices.
- Rick Davis introduced Jamie Lewis to the Board of Alderman. She is a talented artist that does murals and she would like to do a mural for the City at no cost. She provided photos of her work.

- 13) Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross advised the Board of Alderman that he would be picking up the new patrol call on Saturday if arrangements can be finalized with the dealership. He passed around a thank you letter from the Bolivar Police Department for the City’s participation in the Shop With A Cop program; including pictures of himself and Officer Joe Ferzely shopping with the kids. Chief Ross provided a written report of the PHPD activities. Mayor Harralson asked Chief Ross to provide the Board of Alderman with suggestions for security at City Hall at the next regular meeting.

- 14) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** Not used.

- 15) Adjourn** – Justin Carlson moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:pm

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser