

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

Regular City Council Meeting
January 20, 2014 Minutes

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Justin Carlson, Justin Adams, Rodney Lee and Gary Dooley. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser and Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland. Chief Shawne Ross and City Attorney Travis Elliott arrived after the meeting started.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to amend the Agenda by shifting item 8(b) to after Item 13 and approve the Agenda. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting December 16, 2013. Rodney Lee moved to approve the minutes for December 16, 2013. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Laura Whitlock – 107 E Murray - water issue. Ms. Whitlock addressed Council about an unexplainable spike in her water usage while she was out of town. Justin Adams moved to adjust Ms. Whitlock's bill by averaging. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Robert Morin – 204 W Cowden - water issue. Mr. Morin addressed Council about two months of high usage while he repaired a faucet. He showed Council the actual parts he replaced. Rodney Lee moved to adjust Mr. Morin's water bill with a \$30 credit. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Mike Richardson – Laney's LLC – 500 S Main - water issue. Mr. Richardson was not present.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Update from Planning & Zoning Commission – Cathy Carleton presented Council with the final Proposed Zoning Map and took questions in connection with Cottage Industry Districts. She also advised Council that the February meeting will hopefully provide some residences that would like to serve on the Planning & Zoning Commission.
 - b) Discussion with City Attorney Travis Elliott – Law Enforcement Sales Tax (moved to follow Item 13)
 - c) Status on Outstanding code violations – Rodney Lee ask the Chief about the status of the three addresses with pending citations. Chief and City Attorney advised Council that they are all on the court docket.
 - d) Update on Lift Station #1 – Troy Copeland advised Council that WMC Mechanical will be testing the new pump before they deliver it to the City and it should be here soon.
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) **BILL #148** – AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE ZONING REGULATIONS, ZONING DISTRICTS AND LAND USE COMPATIBLY FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANT HOPE ; ESTABLISH ENFORCEMENT OF THESE REGULATIONS AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND A BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS. The Mayor asked for questions or comments and there were none. Justin Carlson moved to have the first reading of BILL #148 by title only. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #148 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of BILL #148 by title only. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #148 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading of BILL #148 and pass BILL #148. Justin Carlson second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Justin Carlson-yes, Justin Adams-yes and Rodney Lee-yes. BILL #148 passed and becomes Ordinance #294.
 - b) **BILL #149** – AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CODIFICATION OF ORDINANCES IN THE CITY OF PLEASANT HOPE, MISSOURI ESTABLISHING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE. The Mayor asked for questions or comments and there were none. Gary Dooley moved to have the first reading of BILL #149 by title only. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #149 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of BILL #149 by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #149 by title only. Gary Dooley moved to approve the second reading of BILL #149 and pass BILL #149. Rodney Lee second. Roll Call Vote: Rodney Lee-yes, Justin Adams-yes, Justin Carlson-yes, and Gary Dooley-yes. BILL #149 passed and becomes

Ordinance #295.

- c) **BILL #150** – AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING AND SETTING FORTH THE COMPENSATION OF THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR THE CITY OF PLEASANT HOPE FOR THE TERM BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2014 AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2014. Rodney Lee moved to have the first reading of BILL #150 by title only. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #150 by title only. Gary Dooley moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of BILL #150 by title only. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #150 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading of BILL #150 and pass BILL #150. Justin Adams second. Roll Call Vote: Rodney Lee-yes, Gary Dooley-yes, Justin Carlson-yes and Justin Adams-yes. BILL #150 passed and becomes Ordinance #296.
 - d) **RESOLUTION #1-2014** – 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 #1-2014. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - e) **Approval of 2014 Vendors List** – Lynn Esser presented Council with a proposed list of active vendors for 2014. After a thorough review. Rodney Lee moved to approve the 2014 Vendor List with changes. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - f) **Semi-Annual Financial Report** – Lynn Esser presented Council with the Semi Annual Report that will run in the newspaper on January 29th.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications** – Rodney Lee directed that the speed limit sign on Carolyn be put back in place. Justin Carlson informed Council that Dwayne Falk of O’Bannon Bank communicated that the bank is very close to having the new Community Room open for use and that the Council might want to consider using the room for meetings since it’s bigger. Rodney Lee discussed the snow removal process that buries the front of 101 Tillery. The residence complained about having all the snow pushed into their front yard. Troy Copeland presented Council with an alternate method of snow removal that should resolve the issue. The Mayor reviewed the 2014 Schedule of SMCOG meetings with the Aldermen.
- 11) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided Council with all the required financial and water utility reports plus the final P&L for 2013 by Class. Lynn Esser requested permission to purchase a new printer for the general use of all departments, as she will establish a WI-FI network for access. The printer is in the budget with a shared cost across all departments. Rodney Lee moved to allow Lynn Esser to purchase a new All-in-One Laser printer. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Lynn Esser advised Council that the annual financial auditor was schedule to start on February 12. The auditor will be in for a full day and then be back for a couple days starting March 17 to finish. She advised Council that the DNR Primacy per connection went up 1-cent per connection. The water bills will reflect the extra penny for February.
- 12) **Monthly Report Public Works** –Troy Copeland informed Council that Public Works had an emergency call out for a water main break on Sunday January 12th on Creekside. It took most of Sunday afternoon to get it fixed. A special thanks to Joe Vinyard, Mark Ennis and Jeremy Spradlin for jumping in and helping. It would have taken a lot longer to fix without their help. Also a special thanks to Cathy and Waylon Cooper for being such good sports about having their yard flooded with water and people.
- 13) **Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross provided a written report of PHPD activities. The Chief advised Council that the PHPD participated in another mini-grant with DWI emphasis.
- 14) **Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** Gary Dooley moved to go in to closed session for a consultation with the City Attorney. Rodney Lee second. Roll Call Vote : Gary Dooley-yes, Justin Carlson-yes, Justin Adams-yes and Rodney Lee-yes. The Mayor announced the Council was going into closed session at 8pm. At 8:18pm Mayor Harralson announced that Council was back in open session.
- 15) **Adjourn** – Rodney Lee moved to adjourn. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:20pm.

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The Board of Alderman discussed the Law Enforcement Tax question that will be on the general election ballot in April with the City Attorney.

Travis Elliott, City Attorney provided information in connection with an Attorney General Opinion from 1970 that he felt would make the sales tax defensible.

Gary Dooley moved to return to open session. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. The Mayor announced Council to be back in open session at 8:18pm.

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