

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

**City Council Meeting**  
**7 pm July 18, 2011**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. **Roll call** – Present: Mayor Harralson, Aldermen: Jamie Hannaford, Diana Shanks, Gary Dooley and Michael Brakebill. Also present: City Clerk Lynn Esser, Chief Ricardo Lopez, Water/Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Park Committee President Margaret Gregory and City Attorney Mel Gilbert.
3. **Moment of Silent Prayer**
4. **Approval of Agenda** – Gary Dooley moved to approve the agenda. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
5. **Approval of Minutes** – June 20, 2011 and Closed Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2011. Michael Brakebill moved to approve the minutes for June 20, 2011 and Closed Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2011. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.
6. **Approval of Pending Bills** – Michael Brakebill moved to approve the payment of pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
7. **Comments and Questions from the public:**
  - a) **Jeremy Spradlin – Water Leak.** Mr. & Mrs. Spradlin explained that they appreciated the adjustment from last month, but again received a bill for 41,110 gallons. City Clerk Lynn Esser advised Council that the completion for the repair actually came after the meters were read and that his leak span two billing periods. Diana moved to adjust the Spradlin's bill to the same estimated average as last month. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) **Dale Van De Pol – Bad Water Meter.** Mr. Van De Pol with the help of Troy Copeland explained that there very first bill seemed rather high and on investigation by Troy Copeland it was discovered that his meter was bad. Jamie Hannaford moved to estimate the Van De Pol's bill at \$60. Diana second. All in favor none opposed.
8. **Old Business:**
  - a) **Status on cost of new water line under Hwy 215 East of Hwy H** – Rick Davis was not present. City Clerk Lynn Esser presented Council with a bid from Gayman Construction to bore under Hwy 215 for \$833.33 and Rick's estimate of \$500 to \$600 in material cost plus the permit from the State to do the work. Diana Shanks moved to accept the bid from Gayman Construction and proceed with the project. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) **Status on the receipt of Applications for Business License** – Lynn Esser reported that all the businesses have presented their applications and paid the fee except for Main Street Hair Design - owner is Kim Crowell. There was discussion on Hope House as a business. Diana Shanks will speak to both of these establishments and report back. Gary Dooley moved to table the Hope House discussion until the next regular meeting August 15, 2011. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) **Status on the receipt of Applications for Liquor License** – Lynn Esser reported that she had received applications and fees from both Laney's and Diamond K Express.
  - d) **Status on the walking trail** – Troy Copeland reported that the trail was pretty much complete. Trees and shrubs will be planted in the fall.
  - e) **Motion to bring paving bid for Bradley St back to the table** – City Clerk Lynn Esser advised Council that the bid from Ball Paving was expired, but she did receive another sealed bid from APAC. Michael Brakebill moved to open the APAC Bid. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed. City Clerk opened the bid. APAC's bid to remove old surface and pave Bradley Street for \$29,700. No bid was included for the sealing of cracks on Adams Street. Diana Shanks moved to accept the bid from APAC for \$29,700 and to move forward with paving Bradley Street. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
  - f) **Bill #113 An Ordinance Relating To The Operation Of Engine Braking Inside The City Limits Of Pleasant Hope** – Gary Dooley opened the discussion with the comment that the City Council is suppose to represent the people in the community and what they want and not the outsiders or their own personal agendas. The decisions of Council should not show favoritism for any one group or person, but be for the good of the whole community. The discussion proceeded with Michael Brakebill defending his opposition to Bill #113 as a safety issue for truck drivers stopping, the Bill does not put a timeframe for enforcement and he felt

that it was punishing all truck drivers. Discussion came around to what the DOT equipment requirements are for trucks. Diana Shanks moved to have the Pleasant Hope Chief of Police contact the offensive truck drivers and give them a verbal warning that the DOT will be contacted on the next offense. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.

Mel Gilbert, after reading the APAC Contract, advised Council that a performance bond is required for projects over \$25,000 and that APAC has written in a \$400 performance bond at the bottom of the contract. Diana Shanks moved to add up to \$400 for the actual expense of the performance bond. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.

Mel Gilbert also advised Council that the paving project is considered maintenance and therefore it is not required to include prevailing wages.

## 9. New Business

- a) **Opening of Bids to purchase North Strip of Lot 90** – Lynn Esser advised Council that a request for bids for the sale of the North Strip of Lot 90 were posted at all three banks, Laney's, Diamond K Express and City Hall. Only one bid was received. She proceeded to open the bid which was from Dave Davis. The offer was to purchase the North Strip of Lot 90 for a sum of \$2,000 with the stipulation that the City remove the fence line and brush, and sow in grass seed. Michael Brakebill moved to accept the bid from Dave Davis and sell the North Strip for \$2,000 with the stipulations. Diana Shanks second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Michael Brakebill-yes, Diana Shanks-yes and Jamie Hannaford-yes. Motion passed. Mel Gilbert will prepare all the paperwork for the sale to be finalized at the next regular meeting on August 15, 2011.
- b) **Garage Sale Set-up Requests for the Farmer's Market** – Lynn Esser and the Mayor advised Council that calls are coming in requesting permission to use the Farmer's Market lot for individual garage sales at times that would not interfere with the Farmer's Market. Permission has been given without charge. Council discussed the issues involved with garage sales and booth/set-up charges. Jamie Hannaford moved to allow garage sale set-up at the Farmer's Market lot with a set-up fee of \$5.00 daily no later than 4pm on Fridays. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- c) **Proposal to purchase/trade-in PW-1 through Government Fleet Sales in Kansas City**– Lynn Esser presented Council with a written proposal for trading-in the City's 1993 F350 work truck which has 163,895 miles for a 1998 Dodge Ram BR3500 with a dump bed, snow plow, hitch package and emergency lights with an arrow and has only 57,430 miles. The transaction would be done through Government Fleet Sales out of Kansas City. With trade-in the new truck would be \$4660. The cost of this truck can be spread between Water, Sewer and Transportation. Michael Brakebill moved to proceed with the purchase and he would like to go to help assess the quality, value and road readiness of the new vehicle. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
- d) **Proposal to purchase/trade-in the police black & white through Gov. Fleet Sales KC**– Lynn Esser presented Council with a written proposal to trade in the City's 2005 black and white police car stripped of the siren, camera and radio for a 2001 Dodge Durango 4x4 for \$3660. Diana Shanks would like the City to keep the newly installed light bar and wants to know what the bottom line would be. Chief Lopez placed a call to Government Fleet Sales out of Kansas City and came to a verbal agreement that the City, keeping the light bar would yield a bottom line of \$3960. Diana Shanks moved to purchase the 2001 Dodge Durango 4x4 for \$3960 and trade-in the black and white police car stripped of siren, camera, radio and light bar. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.
- e) **Review of City Healthcare Premium Increases and Options** – Lynn Esser advised Council that the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will be raising healthcare premiums by 14.6% starting in September. Lynn walked Council through several options offered by BCBS. The savings comes from a higher out-of-pocket cost to employees should they require a hospital stay and a higher co-pay for doctor office visits. Jamie Hannaford moved to select option 2 as presented by BCBS. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed. This option will cap the increase to a 7.7% increase.
- f) **Approval of the Semi-Annual Financial Statement & publishing costs.** Lynn Esser provided Council with a copy of the statement to be published on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Michael Brakebill move to approve the publication of the statement as presented. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

## 10. Mayor's Communications:

- Economic Enterprise Zone is being processed through the County and will include Pleasant Hope.

- There are rumors of a bio-mass processing plant in the works for a 26-acre parcel on the north side of the City. Nothing has been confirmed.
  - It is critical that the City get the long promised Comprehensive Plan from Diane May. He will follow up with Diane May next week.
  - There is a meeting in Bolivar on July 26<sup>th</sup> for the Commissioners to discuss the EEZ and begin the process of creating a required seven person board to oversee the development and management of the EEZ. The Mayor plans to attend.
- 11. Park Committee Report** – Margaret Gregory advised Council:
- The Park Committee cancelled the Movie in the Park function due to excessive heat and the cost of getting a license to actually show the movie.
  - The flower beds at the park have not been address because of the heat.
  - Cookbooks sales have been very slow so the price has been lowered from \$12 to \$8 in hope of reducing inventory.
  - The Park Committee is selling raffle tickets for a quilt to be given away at the Fall Festival.
  - The next planned event will be Trick-or-Treat in the Park for Halloween.
- 12. Monthly Report Attorney** – nothing to report
- 13. Monthly Report City Clerk** – Lynn Esser :
- Provided all the monthly reports for June for both the Water/Sewer Utilities and the Financials. All Funds in June came out in the black except for the Park Fund which had an unbudgeted expense for a privacy fence.
  - Also provided was a report of the first six months actuals against budget by class.
  - The check came from the insurance company for the losses experienced due to theft.
  - The check came from SEMA for the snow removal disaster.
  - Propane bid letters will go out tomorrow.
  - Excessive Vegetation Issues are on the rise. Several citizens and businesses have received letters to clean up and more will be issued over the next few days.
- 14. Monthly Report Public Works** – Troy Copeland reported that Phase I of the Lagoon Disinfection System Project is finished and work will soon begin on Phase II. Pre-plans have been sent to DNR for approval.
- 15. Monthly Report Police Dept** –Chief Lopez provided a written report of activities and number of hours worked by each Reserve Officer. He requested permission to attend free training in Urbana, MO. He also requested permission to attend a fully paid (room, airfare, & two meals a day) training conference in Virginia put on by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Jamie Hannaford asked where the Chief gets all these opportunities for training. The Chief responded that the come from the Sheriff’s Association and the Missouri Police Chief Association. Jamie Hannaford moved to approve the Chief to attend the free training in Urbana, MO, but not the free training in Virginia. Diana Shanks second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-no, Michael Brakebill-yes, Diana Shanks-yes and Jamie Hannaford-yes. Motion passed.
- 16. Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** – No motion made.
- 17. Adjourn** – Jamie Hannaford move to adjourn. Michael Brakebill second. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 10 pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser