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Regular City Council Meeting July 18, 2016
Minutes

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Brad Mullings, Rodney Lee, Gary Dooley and Justin Carlson. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Chief Shawne Ross and Public Works Director Rick Davis.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the Agenda. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting June 20, 2016. Justin Carlson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Rick Vance – Candidate for House of Representatives 128th District. Mr. Vance introduced himself to the Board of Alderman and spoke about his roots in small towns and his commitments if he is elected.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on order to vacate the unused portion of Adams St. – Rick Davis provided a description of the property to be vacated that was prepared by John Nelson. The next step is to notify the owners of properties adjacent to the property to be vacated. Rodney Lee moved to proceed with the letters to property owners. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Status on bids for repair of flood damage of ditch in front of Park - Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he still has not heard from FEMA/SEMA.
 - c) Status on Business Licenses & Liquor License renewals –Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with an update on licenses applications. There are three businesses that have not applied for their business license – The Red Door Diner, Pleasant Hope Farm Store and The Forge. Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he has contacted the first two businesses to remind them, but he has not been able to contact The owner of The Forge. Rodney Lee moved to extend the due date to July 29th at 4pm, then take action as defined by the city ordinance. City Clerk should send a Final Notice Letter. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - d) Status on Storm Sirens – Rick Davis provided the Board of Alderman with an \$8067 written bid for major repairs for the downtown siren that was struck by lightning. He also advised the Board of Alderman that the city's insurance covers all but a \$2500 deductible. Rodney Lee moved to allow Rick to pursue an insurance claim and get the siren repaired and back in service. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) Approval of Semi-Annual Financial Report – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with the report and asked for approval to run the report in the newspaper on July 27th. Rodney Lee moved to approve the report and the publication thereof. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Discussion on the new Overtime Law effective 12/1/2016 – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with information about the new law. Discussion on impact to the city was discussed. City Clerk was assigned to research possibilities for a new time tracking system by app, by telephone, by computer or whatever means that would be feasible to meet the law requirements. The item to be placed on the agenda for next months' meeting.
 - c) 2017 Budget Calendar – Lynn Esser provide a written calendar of events for the preparation of the 2017 budget.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**
 - Gary Dooley asked about the status of the pharmacy and what kind of business was moving into 102 Adams St on the square. Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that the business on the square will be office that supports nutritional supplements. The pharmacy is negotiating for space in the strip mall.
 - Gary Dooley also praised the school for the cleanup of 100 Cowden St. Property looks very nice.

- 11) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided all the required reports for financials and utilities. She also advised the Board of Alderman that the Rael's did not respond to the letter that was sent out and she needed direction on the next action. The Board of Alderman directed that Rick Davis contact the Rael's with a date for putting a plug in the city sewer line to the Rael house. City Clerk should follow up with a letter to be mailed and also hand delivered.
- 12) **Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis reported having problems and repairs on both Lift #1 and Lift #3. He was still waiting on replacement parts. The new parts will be stainless steel.
- 13) **Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross provided a written activity report for the PHPD. He advised the Board of Alderman that the loan was changed over to US Bank from Ford Credit. It was a better deal. The car is still not ready – maybe next week. The newly purchased radios are working great. He asked permission to sell the old radios to Reserve Officer Bobby Smith, for \$200. Reserve Officer Smith works for Highland Springs and the radios would be used by the security staff at Highland Springs. Justin Carlson moved to allow the Chief to sell the old radios to Officer Smith for \$200. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Ross advised the Board of Alderman that the PHPD has had an increase in traffic stops, call outs for domestics and break-ins. He would like to have Reserve Officer Mike Armstrong, who has worked for the PHPD for over a year, put on paid staff for 10 hours per week at the entry level pay of \$9.25 per hour to cover the city in off hours. This would bring the reserve officer pool to just one officer and he would not need to enlist any more reserve officers. Discussion was had on the coverage times across the board. Rodney Lee moved to allow the Chief to put Reserve Officer Armstrong on staff as a Patrolman for 10 hours per week at \$9.25 per hour. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 14) **Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

Richard Harralson – Mayor

Lynn Esser – City Clerk