

The City of Pleasant Hope
5492 Highway H
Pleasant Hope, Mo.65725
Regular City Council Meeting June 16, 2014 - Minutes

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Rodney Lee, Jason Sims, and Gary Dooley. Alderman Carlson was absent. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland and Police Chief Shawne Ross. Planning & Zoning Commissioner John Homer and Cathy Carleton of the Board of Adjustments.
- 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 May 19, 2014 – Gary Dooley moved to approve the minutes for May 19, 2014. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to amend Pending Bills and pay only the September charges (\$391.38) of the Mel Gilbert’s invoice. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve the balance of pending bills as amended. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Cathy Carleton – P & Z Board of Adjustments. Cathy Carleton requested that Suzanne Putman, John Hillenburg, Karen Grosso, Anita Mullings and herself be formally appointed to create the Planning and Zoning Board of Adjustments. Rodney Lee moved to accept Cathy Carleton’s recommendations and approved all the appointments. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Cassie Chapman – 700 N Main was recognized by the Mayor. Ms. Chapman had received a warning from the Chief about the new ordinance which does not allow farm animals. The P&Z Map was reviewed. The property 700 N Main is in the R1 District, but the adjacent lot directly to the east of 700 N Main is zoned A1. The resolution and consensus of the Board of Alderman, Planning & Zoning Commission and Ms. Chapman was to move the containment fence and the animals to the east boundary of the house and place the animals in the A1 zone.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Update on 200 W Cowden – Rick Davis was not in attendance. Troy Copeland advised the Board of Alderman that the demolition permit has been issued and the time frame is for the permit is 30-days. The house has been knocked down and is slowly being hauled away. Mayor Harralson requested that the person who is actually doing the cleanup be informed of the 30-day window on permit.
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) Review and Approval of Annual Applications for Business & Liquor Licenses – City Clerk Lynn Esser reviewed the list of applications received and not received. Rodney Lee moved to approve all the applications that had been received to date. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. The City Clerk was directed to send final notice letters to those businesses that have not applied yet.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**
 - ✓ Mayor Harralson reviewed with the Board of Alderman the order of activity for application requesting rezoning.
 - ✓ Mayor Harralson advised the Board of Alderman that he has been in contact with Empire Electric about changing out a street light in the City Park to a flood light directed at the Veterans Memorial Wall and to remove an unused light and pole directly to the east of the Wall.
 - ✓ Rodney Lee advised the Board of Alderman that a citizen has requested that a new street light be placed between 5489 -5476 Anita. City Clerk will research the process and responsibilities.
 - ✓ Rodney Lee reviewed several addresses that have let their lawns get too tall and directed the Chief to begin contacting and writing citations for any overgrown lawns and lots.
 - ✓ Rodney Lee requested the last three months of employee and reserve officer Activity and Payroll Time Cards for review. (April, May, June)
- 11) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that she has received a refund of the postage for the water bills that disappeared in the hands of the post office for the last 10-days. She has also requested the reimbursement of \$310 for penalties that would be unfairly assessed to customers. Rodney Lee moved to waive the water payment penalties for June due to the post office losing the bills. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- 12) **Monthly Report Public Works** – Troy Copeland provided the Board of Alderman with a written report of Public Works activities for June. Troy advised the Board of Alderman that he spent a good deal of his time trimming and shaping the trees and shrubs in the City Park.
- 13) **Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross provided the Board of Alderman with a written report of activities for the PHPD. He advised the Board of Alderman that he is down to one Reserve Officer and would be posting the position and interviewing for two new officers.
- 14) **Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** Unused.
- 15) **Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.