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Regular City Council Meeting March 16, 2015 Minutes

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Justin Carlson, Jason Sims and Rodney Lee. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Chief Shawne Ross, City Attorney Travis Elliott and Zoning Administrator Tom Olivas .
- 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 February 16, 2015 and Closed Session Minutes for February 16, 2015. Justin Carlson moved to approve the Minutes as provided. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Pat Petterson – Pleasant Hope Academy of Tae Kwon Do LLC, 114 N. Main –Water Leak. Ms. Petterson presented the nature of her water leak to the Board of Alderman. Rodney Lee moved to adjust her bill using the current policy of 6 months average times two (\$94.58). Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) None
- 9) **New Business**
 - a) Planning & Zoning Commission Report – Commissioner John Homer addressed the Board of Alderman with a unanimous recommendation from the Planning & Zoning Commission to approve Chris Holts request to rezone 506 S Main from R-1 to C-1 and be developed as a pharmacy. Rodney Lee moved to approve the change from R-1 to C-1 and be used for a pharmacy. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Board of Adjustments Report - The Board of Adjustments had two representatives – Cathy Carleton and Anita Mullings. Mrs. Carleton addressed the Board of Alderman requesting that they suspend the Board of Adjustment until training can be completed by Diane May on either March 30 or April 6 and that the Board of Alderman and all city employees be required to attend the proposed training. Much discussion was had about why the training was required and who needs the training. Also discussed was the timing for required hearings, advertising for the hearings and all the time lines that need to be followed before the Board of Adjustment can make a decision. Mayor Harralson voiced that he did not think the Board of Alderman should be involved with the proposed training and will not require anyone on the Board of Alderman to attend or any City employee be required to attend. Zoning Administrator Tom Olivas concurred with the Mayor about the training. Justin Carlson moved to halt the process of the Board of Adjustments and set-up a training session with Diane May. Attendees should include the members of the Board of Adjustments, but city employees would not be required to attend nor will the Board of Alderman be required to attend. This motion did not receive a second. Travis Elliott the City Attorney voiced that he appreciated the need for training, but does not recommend that the Board of Alderman put the brakes on in the middle of the process. He also advised the Board of Alderman that he would attend the March 19th meeting of the Board of Adjustments and provide the necessary training to help them move forward. Rodney Lee moved to have the City Attorney meet with the Board of Adjustments to help

the establish the proper steps to follow and that no final vote shall be taken on the current request for variance until a training session with Diane May is completed. This motion did not receive a second.

10) Mayor and Alderman Communications:

Mayor Harralson requested the Board of Alderman consider allowing Polk County Emergency Management to dismantle and remove the old cable tower located on the water tower lot. They have agreed to do the work at no cost to the City. This would also allow the City to do some needed cleanup of the water tower lot. Gary Dooley moved allow the Mayor to work with Polk County Emergency Management to remove the tower and cleanup the water tower lot. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.

11) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser requested permission to stop using debit and credit cards. Very few customers are using the service, the technology will change in the fall and require the purchase of a new scanner and the cost of doing business with cards is too high. Justin Carlson moved to stop the use of debit and credit cards. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed. All monthly financial and water utility reports were provided.

12) Monthly Report Public Works –Troy Copeland advised the Board of Alderman that Rick Davis has been working with Ball Paving to assess all the cracks in the city streets. There are approximately 8,000 feet of cracks. The goal is to get three bids to seal the cracks. It looks like it will cost in the neighborhood of \$5,000. The City Park was sprayed with a broadleaf herbicide in the fall and Troy advised the Board of Alderman that he has reseed those areas that look bare. Troy advised the Board of Alderman that he, Rick Davis and Joe Vinyard are organizing an “Art in the Park Day” on May 2 the same day as the All City Garage Sale. Fliers are ready to be posted. Rodney Lee asked how many meters do we have that are problems to read like his. Troy responded that only a hand full are buried in mud and difficult to read and that it is on the Public Works project list to dig out those pits this summer.

13) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Chief Shawne Ross provided the Board of Alderman written reports on the activities of the PHPD. The Chief asked the Board of Alderman if they would consider bidding on a fully loaded 2008 Crown Vic police car that is being sold by the Hurley Police Department with bids closing on April 14th. Discussion was had about all the current vehicles and no action was taken.

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

15) Adjourn – Rodney Lee moved to adjourn. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:46pm

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser