

**The City of Pleasant Hope**  
**5492 Highway H**  
**Pleasant Hope, Mo 65725**  
**Minute from March 21, 2011 at 5492 Highway H, Suite C**

1. Call to Order – John Homer called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. Roll call - Present: Aldermen – Gary Dooley, David Haase, Richard Harralson, Diana Shanks. Also present: Mayor John Homer, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Chief Ricardo Lopez and Park Committee Representative Mary Higman. City Attorney Mel Gilbert arrived after roll call.
3. Moment of Silent Prayer
4. Approval of Agenda – Richard Harralson moved to approve the Agenda. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
5. Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2011 and Special Meeting March 7, 2011 – Diana Shanks moved to approve both the February 21, 2011 and the Special Meeting from March 7, 2011. Richard Harralson second. All in favor none opposed.
6. Approval of Pending Bills – Richard Harralson moved to approve the pending bills. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
7. Comments and Questions from the public
  - a) Glenda Ward – Water Leak – Ms. Ward was not present. Troy Copeland advised Council of the issues surrounding the leak at Ms. Ward’s. Richard Harralson moved to average the last three months for Ms. Ward. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Paul Ackels – Water Leak – Mr. Ackels advised Council of the issues surrounding his broken water pipe due to freezing. Richard Harralson moved to average the last three months for Mr. Ackels. David Haase second. All in favor none opposed.
  - c) James Quick – Water Leak – Mr. Quick advised Council of the issues surrounding his broken water pipes due to freezing temperatures when final plumbing connections were made that did not hold. Richard Harralson move to adjust Mr. Quick’s sewer charges to the minimum since he has no billing history yet. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
  - d) Jeremy Spradlin – was recognized by the Mayor to speak. Mr. Spradlin is a new resident on Cowden street and was concerned about traffic exceeding the 20 MPH speed limit in front of his house. The problem is mostly after school and late afternoon early evening. Alderman Harralson advised Mr. Spradlin that Chief Lopez would be addressing the issue. Chief Lopez acknowledged the problem and confirmed that he would be addressing the problem.
  - e) Mary Higman – Privacy Fencing for Park. – Ms. Higman, a representative of the City Park Committee, addressed Council with a proposal to install a fence along the south edge of the park to improve the looks of the park and block the view of Mullings Construction’s equipment. She invited Josh Whateley from W-Bar-J Fence Company to present four different fencing options to Council. Richard Harralson moved to have Public Works acquire two more competitive bids on a Red Cedar fence before the next Council meeting. Ms. Higman advised Council that she has 127 named bricks ready to install on the veteran wall; weather and time permitting. Richard Harralson asked the Park Committee to look into having a Blue Grass Music Festival in the Park. Gary Dooley asked Troy Copeland to look into having the mulberry tree that makes a mess on the walking trail in the park trimmed back.
8. Old Business:
  - a) Status on Metal Recycle Project – Richard Harralson advised Council that progress was being made. Troy Copeland advised Council that he made a run that day and made \$156 for the effort.
  - b) Status on Clean Up of Lot 90 – Richard Harralson advised Council that the lot was mowed for the first time this season and burn piles are being established for later.
  - c) Appraisals for Lot 90 – Richard Harralson opened the discussion on the need to have the lot appraised. Richard Harralson moved to take bids from appraisal services and have the lot appraised in 5-ways. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
  - d) Approval of letter to Pleasant Hope businesses – business license fees – Lynn Esser presented a draft letter to be sent to all Pleasant Hope businesses. Richard Harralson moved to approve the letter and have it mailed out on April 1, 2011. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
  - e) Fireworks permit information dissemination – Lynn Esser asked Council how they wish to inform the public of the new fireworks permit. Lynn Esser was advised to post the ordinance online, around town and send letters to Hale’s and A&M fireworks distributors.
  - f) Reserve Police Officers – Chief Lopez introduced Aaron Beauchamp to Council and asked Council’s permission to put Mr. Beauchamp and Mr. Shane Ireland on as Reserve Officers.

Richard Harralson moved to allow Chief Lopez to provide Shane Ireland and Aaron Beauchamp with commissions as Reserve Officers reporting directly to Chief Lopez. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

- g) Springfield Regional Economic Partnership Dues – Richard Harralson advised Council that he, Diana Shanks and John Homer attended a Chamber of Commerce meeting and are convinced that a membership in the SREP would be a positive thing for the city. Richard Harralson moved to partner with the Pleasant Hope Chamber of Commerce and become a member of SREP splitting the \$500 membership in half. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.

**9. New Business**

- a) Olsson & Associates – Master Agreement – Troy Copeland presented Council with the Master Agreement from Olsson & Associates for as-needed engineering costs. City Attorney Mel Gilbert has some minor concerns about the language in a couple paragraphs; which Troy Copeland will discuss with Olsson & Associates. Mel Gilbert also gave Council some insight into possible issues that may make a difference in the long haul.

**10. Mayor's Communications**

- Mayor Homer advised Council that he has 28-days until he leaves office, but he would like to continue to manage the City web site if Council would allow him to retain the laptop and wireless mouse that he has been using at home. Gary Dooley moved to allow John Homer to retain the City laptop and wireless mouse at his home and continue to manage the City web site. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
- Mayor Homer advised Council that there will be a SMOG meeting on Wednesday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9 am if any of the Aldermen would like to attend.
- Mayor Homer read aloud the written resignation of Aldermen David Haase.

**11. Monthly Report Attorney**

- Mel Gilbert acknowledged the receipt of the evidence inventory from Chief Lopez and advised the Chief and Council that he would work towards elimination through both the Municipal Court and the Circuit Court as necessary.
- Mel Gilbert ask the City Clerk for two certifications for ordinances.
- Mel Gilbert reminded Council that there would be no Court held in April. Next Court date May 12.

**12. Monthly Report City Clerk**

- All financial reports and water reports were provided.
- Lynn Esser advised Council that QuickBooks 2008 would become unsupported on May 31, 2011 and would no longer support Enhanced Payroll features. She presented Council with 3-bids for the QuickBooks Premier 2011. Diana Shanks moved to allow the City Clerk to purchase QuickBooks Premier 2011 from CDW for \$206.99 plus \$14.53 to ship it. Richard Harralson second. All in favor none opposed.
- Lynn Esser advised Council that permanent record storage has exceeded the limits of one safety deposit box. A safety deposit box is \$60 per year and based on standards set by the Secretary of State on what is considered permanent records, she would need two more boxes. Discussion was had on purchasing a safe. Diana and Michael Shanks volunteered the use of a small office safe until the City could find a better solution.

**13. Monthly Report Public Works – Troy Copeland had nothing further to report.**

**14. Monthly Report Police Dept - Chief Lopez provided written report of activities for the month. He also asked for Council to consider designating JH Custom in Bolivar as the place to take police vehicles for repairs since the technology involved in wire lights, siren and radios cannot be provided locally. He also made note that if JH Custom cannot do the work they refer to Westside Automotive. Diana Shanks moved to have all City Vehicle repairs done at either JH Custom or Westside Automotive in Bolivar. Richard Harralson second. All in favor none opposed.**

**15. Adjourn – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Richard Harralson second. Mayor Homer adjourned the meeting at 9:07pm.**

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Mayor John Homer

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City Clerk Lynn Esser