

The City of Pleasant Hope
5492 Highway H
Pleasant Hope, Mo.65725
Minutes Regular City Council Meeting
May 19, 2014

- 1) **Call to Order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Justin Carlson, Jason Sims and Rodney Lee. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Chief Shawne Ross and City Attorney Travis Elliott. Mr. Tom Olivas building inspector.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the Agenda. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting April 17, 2014. Rodney Lee moved to approve the Minutes of April 17, 2014. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Gary Dooley moved to pay pending bills. Motion did not get a second. Rodney Lee moved to amend Mel Gilbert’s payment from total due to only August 2013 and pay the rest of pending bills without change. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Presentation of Financial Audit for 2013** – Matt Wallace CPA for KPM CPAs presented the Board of Alderman the results of the financial audit for 2013 with a finding that “the City’s financial statements are fairly presented, in all material respects. The disclosures in the financial statements are neutral, consistent and clear.”
- 8) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Masonic Home of Missouri – Rhonda Lightfoot was not present. Mayor set aside this item and Item 8(b) for later.
 - b) Resolution 2-2014 Masonic Home of Missouri Day – June 14, 2014
 - c) David Dilley – Spoke to the Board of Alderman on the Veteran’s Memorial Wall about the process he is currently using to both advertise the wall and the sale of brick; and how the ordering and placement of bricks takes place. A Facebook page has been set-up. Mr. Dilley also asked the Board of Alderman to consider placing a memorial to Mary Higman somewhere in the park, but not as part of the Wall. Mr. Dilley advised Council that the Veteran’s Memorial Wall funds would pay for her memorial. The Board of Alderman asked that they be presented with design and recommendation for placement at a regular City Council Meeting. Mayor Harralson advised Mr. Dilley the Missouri National Guard, of which he and Alderman Dooley are veterans, would like to do something special in conjunction with the Wall in August and that he would get with him as soon as they finalize the plans.
 - d) Greg Stratman – Grant Writer for New Hope Foods, LLC. Mr. Stratman addressed the Board of Alderman with information related to the CDBG Program Industrial Infrastructure Grants. Mr. Stratman described some possibilities that the city might consider applying for in relationship to the possible opening of New Hope Foods, LLC on the property commonly known as Tai Shin Foods. Mr. Stratman would not comment on plan details of New Hope Foods.
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - a) Update on 200 W Cowden (Dangerous Building Ordinance) – City Attorney Travis Elliott reviewed the ordinance and all the steps that are involved with condemnation of a dangerous building. Checklist of steps was reviewed in connection with 200 W Cowden.
 - b) Motion to bring forward tabled issue from March 2013 – Planning & Zoning Administrator
- 10) **New Business** – none presented
- 11) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**
 - a) Nomination of an Alderman to sit on the Planning & Zoning Commission. Mayor Harralson asked for volunteers to sit on the Commission. Alderman Justin Carlson will sit on the P&Z Commission.
- 12) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser presented the Board of Alderman a written monthly report along with all the required financial and water utility reports. Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that she had collected all but one past due bill from April and that bill should be paid before the end of the week. Council had no questions.
- 13) **Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that a new vacuum pump was installed in Lift Station # 2. Bradley Street repairs have been completed. The County came through town on the Friday before the All City Garage Sale to brush-hog the right-of-ways inside the City limits. The garage sale had numerous participants. Last Friday evening there was an incident on Pirate Lane when a citizen took out a meter pit and damaged several connections. Repairs were made immediately.
- 14) **Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Shawne Ross presented the Board of Alderman a written report on PHPD activities. New radios received with a grant that was pursued by Rick Davis in conjunctions with the Pleasant Hope Fire and Rescue District were installed at a cost of \$50 each. The wiring in the Durango needs to be rewired. He has a local who would do the rewire if the City would give him one of the old radios. He is part of the PH Fire and Rescue. Rodney Lee moved to allow the citizen to have a radio with the understanding that if the City should need that radio that he would have to return it promptly. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. The Chief reviewed several yard and nuisance violations that he was working on.
- 15) **Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** – Not Needed
- 16) **Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn the meeting. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:52pm.