

**The City of Pleasant Hope**  
**5492 Highway H**  
**Pleasant Hope, Mo.65725**

Regular City Council Meeting  
November 17, 2014 Minutes

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7:01PM
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Rodney Lee, Jason Sims and Justin Carlson. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis and Chief Shawne Ross.
- 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 October 20, 2014 and Closed Session Minutes of October 20, 2014. -- Rodney Lee moved to approve all the minutes as presented. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** - Rodney Lee moved to approve the Pending Bills. Jason Sims second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
  - a) A written complaint in connection with Pirate Lane citizens having chickens running loose and still having cows inside the city limits. Chief Ross will address the complaint in his monthly report.
- 8) **Old Business:**
  - a) BILL # 152 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND PROVIDING A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PLEASANT HOPE AND THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY. – Travis Jones, Business and Community Development Manager for Empire District Electric was present to explain and take questions on this 10 year agreement. Rodney Lee moved to have the second reading of BILL #152 by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. The Mayor read aloud BILL #152 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading of BILL #152 and to pass BILL#152. Justin Carlson second. Roll Call vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Justin Carlson-yes, Jason Sims-yes and Rodney Lee-yes. All in favor Bill#152 passed and becomes Ordinance 298.
  - b) Update on 200 W Cowden – Rick Davis update the Board of Alderman on the cleanup and the known costs at this time. He has tracked all the man-hours accrued for the cleanup but is still waiting on some invoices for a final total. He requested a closed session to discuss the legal issues associated with the project.
  - c) Update on street maintenance downtown – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that Adam’s street paving and stripping was completed.
- 9) **New Business**
  - a) Introduction of new Reserve Officer. Chief Shawne Ross introduced Ronald (Ronnie) McNew to the Board of Alderman. Mr. McNew addressed the Board of Alderman and answered questions while his application file was being reviewed. Gary Dooley moved to accept Ronnie McNew as a Pleasant Hope Reserved Officer. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**

Justin Carlson asked Rick Davis for an update on Dollar General. Rick advised the Board of Alderman that weather has pushed the completion and opening of Dollar General to February 2015.
- 11) **Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser
  - ✓ Review of 2014 Forecast and Proposed 2015 Budget – Finance Committee. Lynn Esser and Rodney Lee provided information about both the Forecast and the Proposed 2015 Budget. Rodney provided the Board of Alderman with information about each employee’s work history, pay raises and benefits for consideration of pay increases across the board for 2015. The Board of Alderman agreed to review the 2015 Budget in March 2015 for possible increases in April. City Clerk was advised to plug the raises into the proposed 2015 Budget starting in April.
  - ✓ Services Bids for fuel service, trash service and City Attorney requested for 2015 – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that bid letters have been sent for each of the services and will be available for the Boards review at the regular December Council Meeting.
  - ✓ Election Calendars were provided.
  - ✓ All monthly financial and utility reports where provided.
- 12) **Monthly Report Public Works** –
  - ✓ Rick Davis & Troy Copeland both provided the Board of Alderman with written reports on Public works activities.
  - ✓ Rick Davis explained to the Board of Alderman that Troy had been working on rebuilding the four chlorination head units (two per well), two rotometers and 45 feet of ¼ inch vacuum line. His work on this project saved the City \$1,600 times four heads = \$6,400. In the process he also discovered that the booster pump on Well #3 was not working and needs to be replaced. Bids are being taken for the pump.
  - ✓ Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he had signed the contract agreement with Southwest Electric for a new

street light on Anita two days after the last meeting. The City is now on Southwest Electric's installation list.

**13) Monthly Report Police Dept. –**

- ✓ Chief Shawne Ross provided Council with a written report of PHPD activities for the month.
- ✓ The Chief advised the Board of Alderman that citations had been written for nuisance issues on Pirate Lane and the Tom Olivas Planning & Zoning Administrator was drafting a letter in connection with the zoning issue.

**14) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.**

- ✓ Justin Carlson moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.21, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call vote: Jason Sims-yes, Rodney Lee-yes, Gary Dooley-yes and Justin Carlson yes. Mayor Richard Harralson advised the public that the Board of Alderman was going into Closed Session at 8:32pm
- ✓ Mayor Richard Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman was back in Open Session at 8:45pm.

**15) Adjourn –** Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Richard Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:50pm

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser