

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

City Council Meeting
November 21, 2011

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7 pm.
2. **Roll call** – Aldermen present: Jamie Hannaford, Gary Dooley, Michael Brakebill. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Water & Wastewater Operator Troy Copeland, Police Chief Aaron Beauchamp and Police Officer Shane Ireland. City Attorney Mel Gilbert arrived later.
3. **Moment of Silent Prayer**
4. **Approval of Agenda** - Jamie Hannaford moved to approve the Agenda. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
5. **Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting October 17, 2011 with closed session, Special Meeting November 7, 2011.** Gary Dooley moved to approve the Regular Minutes, Closed Meeting Minutes for October 17, 2011 and the Special Meeting minutes for November 7, 2011. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.
6. **Approval of Pending Bills** – Michael Brakebill moved to approve the Pending Bills with changes in fund spread for Holt Construction. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.
7. **Mayor’s Appointment to the Board of Aldermen** - Mayor Harralson requested Council to accept his appointment of Justin Adams as Alderman-at-Large replacing Diana Shanks. Gary Dooley moved to accept the Mayor’s nomination of Justin Adams. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Justin Adams and welcomed him to take his place at the Council table.
8. **Oath of Office - Police Chief and Patrolman for the City of Pleasant Hope.** City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to the new Chief of Police, Aaron Beauchamp. City Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Shane Ireland as Patrolman. The Mayor thanked both Aaron and Shane for all their good work and efforts over the last couple months.
9. **Bid Openings**
 - a) Awarding of the Banking Service Bids for 2012-2013. Michael Brakebill moved to award the banking service contract for 2012-2013 to O’Bannon Bank. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Opening of sealed bids for Fuel Service 2012 – City Clerk opened to bids for fuel service for year 2012. Hillenburg Station and Diamond K Express. Justin Adams moved to accept Hillenburg Stations bid. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Opening of sealed bids for Oil Changes & Tire Repair for 2012. City Clerk advised Council that she received no bids for oil changes & tire repairs.
 - d) Opening of sealed bids for Trash Service for 2012. City Clerk opened four bids in the order that they were received: WCA Waste Corporation, Allied Waste Services, West Polk Sanitation and Ozark Mountain Sanitation. Gary Dooley moved to accept the bid from Ozark Mountain Sanitation. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
10. **Comments And Questions From The Public**
 - a) Jerry Jesky, Olsson Associates – Lagoon Disinfection Project. Jerry Jesky explained that the project has completed the engineering phase and is waiting for the permit from DNR to release the construction bids. Jerry explained that he has worked closely with both Troy Copeland and Rick Davis to finalize a cost of \$55,500 for the construction and installation of the disinfection system. Project started last August and should be completed by April 1, 2012 weather permitting. The project is at the point of releasing the bid for construction. He has included in the \$55,500 a \$7,000 fee from Olsson to release the bid, award the bids and contract for construction. Discussion was to have the City Clerk handle that part of the project. Michael Brakebill moved to have Olsson & Associates advertise for the bids and handle the preconstruction process. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Jack Brakebill, 406 S Main – Water issue. Michael Brakebill abstained from this issue because he is related. Council reviewed Darlene Parish water issue at the same time. Justin Adams moved to adjust both the Parish and the Brakebill water bills by having the Clerk average the charges over the three months proceeding the month in question. Jamie Hannaford second. Michael Brakebill abstained from the vote. Three yes votes passed the motion.
 - c) Darlene Parish, 1970 Hwy 215 – Water issue
 - d) Jerry Konop, 206 E Murray – smoke nuisance issue. Jerry Konop explained to Council that the smoke from an outdoor wood burning furnace at 2016 Carolyn covers the neighborhood, but his property shares a privacy fence line and the smoke rolls over the fence and hangs very low to the ground causing him to live in a smoky environment. Jerry Konop asked his neighbor to raise the stack on the furnace, but nothing has happened yet. Mayor Harralson, who lives next door to Mr. Konop confirmed the smoky environment issue and read to Council the Ordinance 222 Section 225.550 Smoke Nuisance. Jamie Hannaford moved to have the Board President issue a letter to residents of 2016 Carolyn requesting them to comply with the ordinance. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

- 11. Old Business:**
- a) Status on new water line under Hwy 215 East of Hwy H – Rick Davis was not present. Troy Copeland advised Council that several vendors have been contacted but only one has provided a bid. The project would cost \$3800 for the boring and the City would need to purchase around \$4500 in parts. The lack of bids is because MoDot will not issue a regular boring, it has to be directionally bored. Justin Adams moved to go forward with the project. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Status on Adams St and McCurry St – Rick Davis was not present. Troy Copeland advised Council that the City was on the list for chip and seal and it will be completed as weather permits.
- 12. New Business:**
- a) Bill #116 – An Ordinance Amending Ordinance 249(b) Relating to Pay Rates of Employees of the City of Pleasant Hope. Michael Brakebill moved to have the first reading of Bill #116 by title only. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud Bill #116 by title only. Gary Dooley moved to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill #116 by title only. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Michael Brakebill moved to approve the second reading of Bill #116 and to pass Bill #116. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call Vote: Jamie Hannaford-yes, Justin Adams-yes, Michael Brakebill-yes, Gary Dooley-yes. Bill #116 passed and becomes Ordinance 249(c).
 - b) Discussion on rental contract for Workshop on E Cowden – Jamie Hannaford moved to send Mark Skidmore a letter that the City will not be renewing the lease and that the electricity will be turned off. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.- not used
- 13. Mayor's Communications** – Mayor Harralson told the Council and all the employees present that he was pleased at how everyone is working together and the City is progressing. He also told Council that the Public Hearing for EEZ was held and no complaints or concerns came forward.
- 14. Park Committee Report** – No report provided.
- 15. Monthly Report Attorney** – Mel Gilbert checked on the status of a couple of things. Brought no issues to the table. He told Council that the draft Compensatory Policy that was written by City Clerk and provided in the packet for next months review was excellent and covered all the issue.
- 16. Monthly Report City Clerk** – Lynn Esser provided Council with October Financial Reports and Water Utility Reports. She submitted to Council the budget for 2012. She provided Council with a list of items and asked to destroy trash or recycle inventoried items that were broken and/or no longer in working order. Gary Dooley moved to allow the City Clerk to remove from the inventory items and to destroy trash or recycle as appropriate. Justin Adams second. All in favor none opposed. She advised council that a bid ad was run in the Herald Free Press and the Springfield News-Leader for a city attorney for 2012. Those bids would be opened at the December meeting. Election calendars have been posted. Two alderman-at-large seats will be open. She provided a draft of a policy for compensatory time. The current Employee Manual does not address this issue. Lynn advised council that she has been working with D A Davidson & Co in an effort to refinance the current USDA loans at a low interest rate or a shorter pay off date.
- 17. Monthly Report Public Works** – Troy Copeland advised Council that the workshop on Main St now has electricity and that they will be out of the Cowden location before the end of the year. He announced that Public Works with Lynn Esser's help was able to find a great used F250 truck and they are making inquiries about the costs to install the City snow plow. He also advised that although the truck is mechanical sound, it will need new tires. He advised that the restrooms at the City Park will be closed for the season next week depending on weather.
- 18. Monthly Report Police Dept** – Chief Aaron Beauchamp provided Council with a written report of the departments monthly activities. He advised Council that the department spent a lot of time following leads on the stolen flags. He described the need for better traffic control for large events in the Park. Trick r Treat in the Park created unsafe situations for pedestrians and the parking lot was overwhelmed. He requested Council to allow him to staff two Reserve Officers to help cover weekends and traffic at the school. He introduced Andy Batey as a candidate for reserve. He invited Council to interview Mr. Batey. Council requested Chief Beauchamp to do background checks and present at the next meeting. Jamie Hannaford moved to have the Chief do reference checks and background checks on all candidates before presenting candidate to Council for approval. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. The Chief requested that Council give thought to putting decals on the Crown Vic and installing the extra light bar next year.
- 19. Adjourn** – Michael Brakebill moved to adjourn. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:51pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser