

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

Minutes for Special City Council Meeting May 2, 2011

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Richard Harralson opened the meeting at 7pm
2. **Roll call** – Present: Aldermen: Gary Dooley, Diana Shanks, Michael Brakebill and Jamie Hannaford. Also present: City Clerk Lynn Esser, Police Chief Lopez, and Reserve Police Officers: Donald Welch, Bobbie Mead and Shane Ireland.
3. **Moment of Silent Prayer**
4. **Approval of Agenda** – Gary Dooley moved to approve the Agenda. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.
5. **Discussion on the Reserve Police Officer Program** – Mayor Harralson opened the discussion with a question – How many Reserve Police Officers are truly needed? He then opened the discussion to the numerous citizens and retailers in attendance.
 - Ann Werland had concerns about the saturation of citations being given on Cowden, the lack of consistency on who gets a warning versus a citation, and the placement of the speed limit sign on Cowden at the intersection of Pirate Lane.
 - Jerry Stevens asked at what level was a ticket going to be issued 1-mile over, 3-miles over, etc. He also questioned the consistency of who gets a warning versus a citation.
 - Kelly Crites questioned the consistency for who gets a warning versus a citation. No warning was given to her teenage son’s very first violation.
 - McKay Perry felt that the areas being patrolled need to be mixed up and Highway 215 in front of his store needs to be patrolled more often.
 - Donald Welch, Reserve Police Officer, addressed the group and spoke about some of the finer points of ticket writing including “officer discretion” for a warning versus a citation.
 - Tammy Wood was very concerned about an officer’s remarks in connection with possible citations being issued to 1st Responders & Fire Department personnel that are responding to emergency calls. She also stated she was in favor of more police coverage and ideally would like the coverage to be 24/7.
 - McKay Perry and Jerry Stevens both agreed with her 24/7 coverage.
 - Alderman Gary Dooley reminded the group that more coverage would most likely mean more tickets. You cannot have it both ways.
 - Shane Ireland, Reserve Police Officer, reminded retailers that officers need permission from store owners to sit in their parking lots to run radar because parking lots are private property.
 - Bobby Mead, Reserve Police Officer, fielded the question concerning why there is sometimes more than one officer in a car. Training and overlap of shifts are the main reasons for two officers in a car. There is only one car for Reserve Officers to use.
6. **Motion to go into closed session in connection with RSMo 610.021(3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees.** – Michael Brakebill moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. Jamie Hannaford second. Roll Call Vote – Jamie Hannaford-yes, Diana Shanks-yes, Michael Brakebill-yes, Gary Dooley-yes. Mayor Harralson announced at 7.50pm that Council would be going into a closed session. He asked Chief Lopez and former Mayor John Homer to join Council in closed session.

At 8:10pm Mayor Harralson announced that Council was back in open session.

Diana Shanks moved to decommission Reserve Officers Donald Welch and Bobby Mead. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.

Diana Shanks moved to have the 20-mph speed limit sign on eastbound W Cowden moved 25-feet east. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed.

- 7. Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:15 pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser

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Closed Minutes for Special City Council Meeting May 2, 2011

Council went into closed session at 7:50pm.

Present: Mayor Richard Harralson, Aldermen: Gary Dooley, Diana Shanks, Michael Brakebill and Jamie Hannaford. Also present former Mayor John Homer, Police Chief Lopez and City Clerk Lynn Esser.

Council reviewed the performance, hours worked and the number of warnings and citations issued by each Reserve Officers: Bobbie Mead, Donald Welch, Shane Ireland, Aaron Beauchamp and Micah Cheshire.

Discussion was had in connection with the officer that said they would give citations to responders and other emergency personnel.

Gary Dooley move to return to open session. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed.

Council returned to open session at 8:10 pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser