

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

**Special City Council Meeting September 12, 2011**

1. **Call to Order** – Mayor Richard Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. **Roll call** – Present: Aldermen – Gary Dooley, Michael Brakebill, Diana Shanks & Jamie Hannaford. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Chief Lopez, and Reserve Officer Aaron Beauchamp.
3. **Moment of Silent Prayer**
4. **Approval of Agenda** – Diana Shanks moved to approve the agenda, Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
5. **Discussion on the Police Department procedures and policies.** No open discussion.
6. **Motion to go into closed session in connection with RSMo 610.021(3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees.** Gary Dooley moved to go into closed section pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. Michael Brakebill second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Michael Brakebill-yes, Diana Shanks-yes and Jamie Hannaford-yes.

Mayor Harralson announced that Council was going into closed session. Alderman Brakebill escorted citizens and all officers of the police department outside at 7:04pm.

At 8:23pm Mayor Harralson announced that Council was back in open session. Alderman Brakebill ushered citizens back into the Council room.

Diana Shanks moved to put Aaron Beauchamp on payroll as Temporary Chief of Police for three (3) eight hours shifts – Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and a four (4) hour shift on Friday after which there will be further discussion at the regular City Council Meeting on Monday September 19, 2011. Michael Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.

Ricardo Lopez removed his badge and handed it to Officer Aaron Beauchamp.

Andy Baty asked Council about his status as a reserve officer. The Mayor responded that Council will also review his file on September 12<sup>th</sup>.

7. **Adjourn** – Diana Shanks moved to adjourn. Jamie Hannaford second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser

## Minutes for Closed Session of September 12, 2011

**Present:** Aldermen – Gary Dooley, Michael Brakebill, Diana Shanks & Jamie Hannaford. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser.

Mayor Harralson and Alderman Brakebill described a single situation that happened on Thursday September 8, 2011 in the PowerBlast parking lot.

Discussion was had on several other police issues involving Chief Lopez – light bar installation on the Durango, a possible child “abduction” situation from last week, a noise complaint from a citizen, staffing of reserve officers and management hours and general police coverage of the City.

Michael Brakebill moved to let Chief Lopez go immediately. Jamie Hannaford second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-no, Diana Shanks-no, Michael Brakebill-yes, Jamie Hannaford-yes. Mayor Harralson broke the tie vote with a yes vote.

Diana Shanks moved to have the Mayor tell Ricardo Lopez tonight that his services are no longer need and that he will be paid one 10-hour day, Monday September 12, 2011, plus one week of vacation and that he shall turn in all City property at 8 am tomorrow morning. Jamie Hannaford second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Michael Brakebill-yes, Diana Shanks-yes and Jamie Hannaford-yes.

Michael Brakebill asked Ricardo Lopez to join Council in closed session.

Mayor Harralson told Ricardo Lopez that his services are no longer need and that he will be paid one 10-hour day for Monday September 12, 2011 plus one week of vacation and he shall turn in all City property at 8 am tomorrow morning.

Michael Brakebill moved to return to open session. Diana Shanks second. All in favor none opposed. 8:23pm

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser