



City of Pleasant Hope
304 E Miller Street
417-267-2112

Minutes for Regular City Council February 21, 2022

- 1) **Call to Order**- Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Rodney Lee, Gary Dooley and Shannon Brakebill. Alderman Sandy Richardson absent. Also present: Chief Cantrell, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Joe Thompson and Assistant City Clerk Tana McMurrey.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Gary Dooley moved to approve the Agenda. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** –January 17, 2022. Rodney Lee moved to approve all minutes as presented. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** - Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Lori Combs – 304 S Main Apt 1 – water leak 2nd time on the agenda and again a no-show.
 - b) Cassidy Laney – 5474 S Bradley Ave – high water usage. Ms. Laney advised the Board of Alderman of the water issue which was caused by what appeared as a meter issue. Ms. Laney did not have enough months to do the standard averaging for adjustment. Ms. Laney is also an auto-draft customer and the problem bill had been paid in full. Rodney Lee moved to apply a \$247.80 credit to her account. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Josh Reed – Q and A with Contractor for Pirate Lane Subdivision. Much discussion about the trials and tribulations of Mr. Reed keeping up with paperwork, permits and adherence to building ordinance. Rodney Lee moved and Gary Dooley seconded a motion that Mr. Reed will pay tonight for 13 permits, 3 water bills and will have curbs on Homer St next week, 150 feet of pavement on Homer St and 150 feet of pavement on Richardson St completed by next Council meeting. Mr. Reed was requested to appear before Council on March 21st.
 - d) Yana Mosley – 102 Tillery - neighbors trash piles. Ms. Mosley was not in attendance.
 - e) Michael Mason – Planning and Zoning request – Mr. Mason called to cancel his discussion
- 8) **Review Bids for Refinancing the Water and Wastewater Loans – Lynn Esser.** The Board of Aldermen was presented a recap of two bids received after solicitation of four investment companies. D.A. Davidson & Co proposed a 3.25% interest rate for \$96,104.94 savings and Piper Sandler & Co proposed a 2.82% rate with a re-amortization of payments for a savings of \$182,656 and release of restricted Bond Reserve Funds. Rodney Lee moved to accept Piper Sandler & Company to refinance the USDA Water Bonds. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- 9) **Review Bid for Communication Upgrade for water systems** – Joe Thompson advised the Board of Aldermen of the problems he experienced over the past weekend with a SW Electric power outage that only affected Well#3, but caused an extreme loss of water pressure across town. He explained that the Communication System that has been discussed over the last couple meetings would, among other things, have caught it before the loss of pressure. Joe presented the Board a proposal from Letts, Van Kirk & Associates for \$13,575.20 compared to Lloyd Harold LLC at \$19,110.75. Rodney Lee moved to accept proposal from Letts, Van Kirk & Associates for \$13,575.20. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 10) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on Contract with **WON Communication Lease** of tower space – Lynn Esser reviewed the changes made by the City Attorney with the Board of Aldermen, including the lack of discounted services to the City and its citizens. Rodney Lee moved to send the revised contract to WON Communication, but also ask about services provided. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Update on new website – Lynn Esser advised that she has made little progress on the new website.

- c) Building Permit form update for Storage Units – Lynn Esser, Joe Thompson and Sandy Richardson. No progress. Waiting for some input from Alderman Richardson.
- d) Review proposed “Training and Technical Retention Agreement” – Lynn Esser provided, as requested, a Training and Technical Retention Agreement form. Gary Dooley moved to approve the form. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.

11) New Business

- a) Approval of Semi-Annual Report Publication – Lynn Esser present the report to the Board of Aldermen. Rodney Lee moved to approve publication and Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- b) Review Annual Municipal Fines and Court costs – Lynn Esser provided a year-end report.
- c) Review water leak (repairs and materials) – John Gifford – 414 Creekside St – Joe Thompson advised the Board of a crack in the main on Creekside and how well the repairs went with the new excavator. However, there appears to be a second leak in a line in the same area. MRWA will bring out a sonar tool on Wednesday to help locate the 2nd leak.
- d) Review the amount charged for Tampering with a water Meter –Joe Thompson advised the Board that the current citation for tampering is \$250 and it now costs at least \$100 more at today’s prices. Rodney Lee moved to raise the price for tampering to \$400 and prepare an Amended Ordinance for next meeting. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

12) Mayor and Aldermen Communications

Mayor asked about the enforcement of cleanup on the empty lot across the street from City Hall.

Mayor and Chief discussed Yana Mosley’s complaint of trash on piling up on Tillery

13) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser provided all monthly financial reports and utility reports

14) Monthly Report Water Dept. – Tana McMurrey – discussed the past due accounts and assignments of new addresses.

15) Monthly Report Public Works – Joe Thompson advised the Board that the Park has been treated with Lime and the next treatment will be fertilizer in April.

16) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Chief Terin Cantrell provided the Board with a written report of activities. He also discussed the new cars readiness for service and the decal work. He asked the Board for an additional \$2k (add to the \$4K he did not spend) so that he can bid on another Taurus. Mayor asked if Missouri Prime has renewed their donation contract yet and if it would be better to wait until the contract is confirmed. Gary Dooley moved to provide the police department an additional \$2 to bid on another car. Rodney Lee second all in favor none opposed.

17) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) (2) (3), litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. unused

18) Adjourn – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn the meeting. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. The meeting was adjourned by the Mayor at 8:45pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser