



City of Pleasant Hope
304 E Miller Street
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Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting April 19 2021

- 1) **Call to Order** – two aldermen were running late and the remaining Board decided to wait. Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7:43pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** - Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Sandy Richardson and Rodney Lee. Alderman Brakebill was a no show for the whole meeting. Also present Rick Davis Public Service Director, Chief Terin Cantrell and City Clerk Lynn Esser.
- 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** – Regular Meeting for February 22, 2021 and Closed Session Minutes for February 22, 2021. Gary Dooley moved to approve all February minutes as presented. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Minutes** – Special Closed Session Meeting of March 1, 2021 and Regular Meeting for March 15, 2021. Rodney Lee moved to approve all Minutes for March as presented. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Pending Bills** - Approval of Auto Drafted Bills whose invoices were not received in time to be included on last month's pending bills spreadsheet. Rodney Lee moved to approve auto drafted pending bills from February. Sandy Richardson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) **Pending Bills** – Approval of this month's pending bills. Gary Dooley moved to approve the current list of pending bills for payment. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 9) **Presentation of Financial Audit for Year 2020**– Matt Wallace, KPM CPAs reviewed the 2020 Financial Audit. It is the opinion of KPM CPAs & Advisors that the financial statements of the City of Pleasant Hope are presented fairly, in all material respects.
- 10) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) No questions
- 11) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on sewer manhole overflow issue on Rush Street. – Rick Davis problem has been resolved.
 - b) Status on the insulation project for City Hall – Rick Davis city is on the list but has not received a start date. Project will probably take two days.
 - c) Status on new swing seats at the City Park – Rick Davis new seats have been installed.
 - d) Status on tree removal at City Park – Rick Davis reported that he has been working Ball Paving and some others to get the full extent and the options that would be available for the tree removal and resurfacing the walking trail.
 - e) Status on bids for resurfacing walk trail in City Park – Rick Davis (see above)
 - f) Permission for Mayor to sign a Donation Agreement with Missouri Prime Beef for monthly vs annual payments. Rodney Lee moved to have the Mayor sign the updated Donation Agreement. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - g) Status on the April check from Mo Prime Beef & discussion on how the money would be banked. – Lynn Esser reported that the first donation has arrived and was placed in the Law Enforcement Fund which is strictly for law enforcement uses. Discussion was had on the costs of police payroll. Gary Dooley moved to pay the 2-FT Officers and 1-PT officer from this money and the Chief and Sgt. would continue to be paid from the General Fund. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
 - h) Status on the Approval of Business License for Doyle Hill dba Hills Auto Service – Rodney Lee moved to accept the application for a business licenses with the no tax due letter. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 12) **New Business**
 - a) Acceptance of the Election Results – City Clerk presented the Official Certified Election results as follows;
Mayor: Richard Harralson – 25 votes
Alderman At Large (2-yr term): Shannon Brakebill 22 votes, Sandy Richardson 21 votes.
The Question on the ballot received 21 yes votes and 6 no votes.
Rodney Lee moved to accept the Election Results. Sandy Richardson second. All in favor none opposed.

- b) Swearing in of the new Board Members – Lynn Esser, City Clerk administered the Oath of Office.
 - c) Selection of a Board President – Gary Dooley nominated Rodney Lee. Sandy Richardson second. All in favor none opposed
 - d) Selection of a third signer for city business – Rodney Lee nominated Sandy Richardson. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - a) Selection of a representative to sit on Zoning Commission – Sandy Richardson and Rodney Lee agreed to share the duties of Zoning Commission.
 - b) Annual Review of the City Ethics Policy – Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman with copies of the Ethics Policy and request that each individual read and a sign the certification sheet attached.
 - c) Discussion on City Web Site – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that she had been contacted by Homestead the domain managing source and advised that for a limited time they would update the City Site to the new Site Builder Plus at no charge and would also update the looks of the site if desired. Rodney Lee moved to keep the site and to upgrade to Site Builders Plus and look for someone or someway to keep the site current. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - d) MoDOT will be installing a 4-way stop at Miller St and S Main St. – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that MoDOT has already activated the project with Dig Right and it should happen soon.
- 13) Mayor and Alderman Communications**
- a) Discussion on taking police cars home – Chief Cantrell provided the reasoning for allowing the Sgt Lankford to take one of the police cars home. Rodney Lee moved to allow Sgt Lankford to take a police car home. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Status on letters to various addresses to clean up their yards – Chief Cantrell discussed some the issues and how best to contact people and make a difference.
- 14) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided all the monthly financial and utility reports as required.
- 15) Monthly Report Director of Public Services** – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that new house and streets were going up at Richardson St and Pirate Lane and he has been in contact with 911 on naming the new street. Rodney Lee moved to name the street Homer Street in honor of former mayor John Homer. Sandy Richardson second. All in favor none opposed. Rick Davis asked Council for a closed session to discuss litigation, real estate and an employee matter.
- 16) Monthly Report Police Dept.** – Chief Terin Cantrell provided a written report of activities and projects. He addressed the Board of Alderman about a leaking valve cover on the Dodge, but it was under warranty. He advised the Board that the department purchased the necessary tools and supplies to do oil changes and small repairs themselves. Chief Cantrell discussed with the Board the possibility of acquiring a speed trailer.
- 17) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3), litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.** Rodney Lee moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3), litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Sandy Richardson second. Roll Call Vote: Rodney Lee-yes, Gary Dooley-yes, Sandy Richardson-yes and Shannon Brakebill absent. Mayor Harralson announced a closed session at 9:10pm. Mayor Harralson announced the return to open session at 9:30pm.
- 18) Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 9:35pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser