



*City of Pleasant Hope*  
*304 E Miller Street*  
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### Minutes of Regular City Council Meeting August 16, 2021

- 1) Call to Order – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7PM
- 2) Roll Call – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Shannon Brakebill, Sandy Richardson and Rodney Lee. Also present: Chief Terin Cantrell, Director of Public Services Rick Davis 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 of July 19, 2021, Closed Session July 19, 2021, Special Meeting July 29, 2021 and Closed Session July 29, 2021. Gary Dooley moved to approve ALL minutes as presented. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) Approval of Pending Bills – Rodney Lee moved to add an invoice from MadDog Dozing and Hauling for \$240 for gravel. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of pending bills as amended. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) Comments and Questions from the Public
  - a) Stephanie Brewer - 5486 Highway H, water line break under the house. Ms. Brewer addressed the Board of Alderman and described a water line break under the house she is renting from Brenda Kennedy. Mrs. Kennedy hired a plumber and the leak was fixed as soon as possible. She requested assistants on pay for the gallons used due to the break. Rodney Lee explained the policy for credits and moved to adjust her bill to \$126.86. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Josh Reed – Contractor for new houses on Pirate Lane ask the Board of Alderman if he can do the roads and curbs in phases of approximately 100’ per phase. Rodney Lee moved to allow Mr. Reed to work in 100’ phases. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) Old Business:
  - a) Status on tree removal and resurfacing of walking trail at City Park – Rick Davis reported that tree roots have damaged more than just the original area discussed and he fears that resurfacing needs to be reassessed. Discuss on ideas took place and Rick was directed to get some bids on using rubberized mulch instead of asphalt for the trail.
  - b) Status on Coronavirus State & Local Recovery Funds – Lynn Esser reported the money has not arrived yet, but she has filed all the paperwork required at this time. Possibly by the next meeting.
  - c) Review & Approval of Annual Business and Liquor Licenses that have been received to date - Lynn Esser reviewed those businesses that have not applied for their business license to be renewed.
- 9) New Business
  - a) New Business License review and approval – “Fantzee Pants Boutique” – Morgan Lankford. Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman of a new business license request from Morgan Lankford. She has filed all her paperwork and paid for her license. Rodney Lee moved to approve a license for Fantzee Pants Boutique. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
  - b) Wayfair Act Passage – impact on certain purchases from out-of-state vendors (internet purchases) –Lynn Esser reviewed the Wayfair Act with the Board of Alderman and advised them that a newspaper notification will be required before the end of October.
- 10) Mayor and Alderman Communications:
  - Alderman Gary Dooley asked Chief Cantrell to get in contact with the owner of the empty lot at 206 S. Main St and get the waist deep weeds under control.
  - Alderman Rodney Lee report that his water is clouding and smells like chlorine. Rick Davis responded that he would flush that area of town.
- 11) Monthly Report from Planning & Zoning Commission – Rodney Lee reported that the Zoning Commission had its first meeting and review three rezoning requests that have been filed. A Public Hearing as been scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup>. The Commission will meet to discuss recommendations for the Board of Alderman on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Rodney Lee asked

the Board of Alderman if they could have a Council Meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> to hear the Commission's recommendations. All the Aldermen stated that they would be available. Rodney Lee moved to appoint Vanessa Meyer and Jeffery Putman to the Zoning Commission. Gary Dooley seconded the appointments. All in favor none opposed.

- 12) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser provided all the required monthly financial and utility reports.
- 13) Monthly Report Director of Public Services – Rick Davis reported that John Hopkins spend a full week going through all the paperwork in the office, lining out what was missing and spent numerous hours on the phone with DNR I both Springfield and Jefferson City in an effort to get things in order and hopefully assuage the fears of getting slapped with several violations. An order has been placed for two pieces of equipment needed to do the testing at both the wells and the lagoon to meet the recommended testing requirements. John will be back when the equipment has arrived. Until then Rick said he was compiling daily reports as requested by John. Rick Davis also noted that under John Hopkin's recommendation and guidance Well #2 chlorine inflow will be redesigned. Parts have been ordered. John Hopkins is also reviewing the design and valve failure on the water tower to figure out a way to provide a shut for painting the inside of the tower. Rick Davis also advised the Board that the 20yr old DX45 tractor needs another new clutch and bucket. Cost estimated at around \$4500. Discuss was had on whether to repair, replace or upgrade the abilities of the John Deere at accommodate a backhoe. Rick was requested to get more information on all the different ideas that were put on the table.
- 14) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Chief Terin Cantrell provided the Board of Alderman with a written report for the past month and advised them that the speed signs have arrived but he will need a couple heavy duty 8' posts for installation (Rick Davis said he would help Chief with the signs and post installation). Some concern was raised about MODot allowing the City to place the signs on Highway H and Highway 215. Possibly a State permit will be needed. Chief also advised that Missouri State Surplus had all the stuff need to complete the computer installations in the PD vehicles. Chief will need to purchase ammo for certifications in the near future. Rodney Lee moved to increase the budget to provide the proper posts and installation materials for the speed signs. Sandy Richardson second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Cantrell requested raises for his officers.
- 15) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3), litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Mayor Harralson asked for a closed session for job interviews. Rodney Lee moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3), litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Shannon Brakebill second. Roll Call Vote: Lee-yes, Dooley-yes, Richardson-yes and Brakebill-yes. Mayor Harralson announced a closed session and emptied the room except of the Board of Alderman and first candidate at 7:54pm. Mayor Harralson announced open session at 8:30pm.
- 16) Adjourn – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Sandy Richardson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:30pm

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser