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Regular City Council Meeting June 19, 2017

- 1) **Call to Order** - Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7:03pm
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen Present: Rodney Lee, Brad Mullings, Shannon Brakebill and Gary Dooley. Also present Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Chief Bobby Smith and Officer Jeffrey Inmon.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the Agenda. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting May 15, 2017 and Closed Session for May 15, 2016. 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 approve payment of pending bills. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Open of Sealed Bids** – purchase of the PHPD Crown Vic – City Clerk Lynn Esser opened three bids in the order that they were received. Pete Tryand \$2050, John Tedlock \$420, and William Redburn \$100. Rodney Lee moved to accept Pet Tryand’s bid of \$2050 for the purchase of the PHPD Crown Vic. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 8) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Dale Baker – 300 S Main St – Security at City Park & costs to replant the flowers. Dale and Kathy Baker attended the meeting and Dale address the Board of Alderman about the continuing vandalism in the City Park. He asked if there is a curfew for the Park and how is the curfew enforced. He noted that the light on the Rush St side of the Park is frequently not working which does help. The answers to his questions are that there is a curfew for both the park and the city, the Chief will beef of patrol in the area and let the County Sheriff know that there have been problems at the Park. Curfew hours will be clearly posted and enforced. Rodney Lee moved and Gary Dooley second to have the Park hours posted as 6am to 10pm and the posting of curfew should include the Ordinance # and fine amounts. All in favor none opposed. Rick Davis will be addressing the light with Empire District Electric. Dale Baker advised the Board of Alderman part of the vandalism in the Park was someone tearing up the newly planted flowers that had been donated and planted by volunteers. He asked the Board of Alderman if they could provide some financial help to replace the flowers. He would like to put in some perennial grown cover at a cost of not more than \$100 for the plants and some mulch. Rodney Lee moved to approve up to \$100 for flowers and Troy Copeland would help with the purchase using the city credit card. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) Cassie Chapman – 700 N Main. Chief Bobby Smith advised the Board of Alderman that he and Officer Inmon had addressed Ms. Chapman’s issues prior to the meeting.
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on donated police vehicle and possible purchase of vehicle – Chief Smith advised the Board that this exchange was no longer viable.
 - b) Status on mutual aid agreement with Bolivar PD from Bolivar City Attorney – Chief Bobby Smith advised the Board that he was still waiting for the Bolivar agreement. He also provided them that a Mutual Aid Agreement (included in their paperwork) that had been written and agreed to by himself and Sheriff Danny Morrison. Rodney Lee moved and Brad Mullings seconded to allow the Mayor to sign off on the Agreement. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Status on mutual aid agreement with City of Bolivar Public Works – Rick Davis reported that it was on Darin Chapel’s desk at Bolivar PW.
 - d) Status on the Sewer Shut Off Valve installation at 312 S Main – Rick Davis reported the work completed.
 - e) Status on Willow tree blocking drivers view at 5493 Kay St. – Chief Bobby Smith reported trimming was complete.
 - f) Status on storage tank removal at 2034 E Hwy 215 – Chief Smith and Alderman Brakebill reported the tanks have been removed.
 - g) Status on adding a cell phone to City account for the Police Dept. – Lynn Esser reported the PHPD now has a City cell phone.
 - h) Status on the acquisition of a repeater – Chief Bobby Smith reported that it will take 6-8 week to complete and that the hardware would be installed on the Moon Ridge water tower. FCC license and who will insure the hardware still needs to be worked out.
 - i) Status on the establishment of “Coffee With a Cop Day” – Officer Inmon reported it was going well.

10) New Business

- a) Review and Approve Annual Business and Liquor License Applications – Lynn Esser provided a spreadsheet of businesses and if they had all their required paperwork. She also verbally updated the list with application that came in after the packets had gone out on Friday. Rodney Lee moved to approve the completed applications and authorize the City Clerk to issue licenses to any of the currently listed businesses that provided all the necessary paperwork and fee. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.

11) Mayor and Alderman Communications

- Rodney Lee asked Rick Davis about the repairs on the storm sirens. Rick Davis said that the sirens were still not working correctly and that he is pursuing the fix with the vendor under warranty.
- Rodney Lee asked about the status of the yard ordinance issues. Officer Inmon reported that those that received letters were completed within the given timeframe and that at this point he did not have any repeat offenders. Rodney Lee asked specifically about the empty lot next to the phone company. Officer Inmon noted that he was having problems finding out where to send the letter. Rodney advised him to send the notice to Terry Cozad. Rick Davis sent Mr. Cozad a text message.
- Gary Dooley asked about the tall fields of grass behind his house. Rick Davis will contact owners. It was also pointed out that the pasture behind the Wilson property is quite tall. Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that it will be cut for hay soon and the animals will be moved in August at the end of the renters lease.

12) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser provided the Board of Alderman all the monthly required financial and utility reports.

13) Monthly Report Public Works – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that there would be three loads of gravel put in the water tower pin. County will haul at no charge. Bill will be from Holt Quarry. Rick Davis, based on conversation with MoDOT, asked the Board of Alderman to consider a 4-way Stop at Highway H and Highway 215. Traffic studies have shown an increase in traffic that would warrant the change. Conversation was had – Shannon Brakebill moved to table this discussion until the next regular meeting to give everyone time to think about the issue. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. During the discussion it was noted that traffic moving east bound on Highway 215 do not have to slow down to 35mph as does west bound traffic. Gary Dooley moved to request a speed limit reduction from MoDOT to 35mph 200 yards west of Highway H. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.

14) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Police Chief Bobby Smith provided the Board of Alderman with a written report of PHPD activities for the month, a letter of accommodation for Officer Inmon, a proposed policy for Evidence Procedure, a proposed policy for On Call Status and a job description for Police Sergeant. The Chief asked the Board of Alderman if he could start staffing Reserve Officers under the new guidelines. Chief Smith advised the Board that Officer Inmon has performed his duties and shown initiative that has exceed expectation and he would like to request a promotion to Sergeant. This would allow Officer Inmon to take on more responsibilities and control of the day to day operations. Rodney Lee moved to approve the Chief to seek Reserve Officers, approved the proposed Evidence Procedure and On Call Status Procedure. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve the promotion to Sergeant for Officer Inmon. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Smith asked the Board of Alderman for a closed session to discuss other employee issues.

15) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Rodney Lee moved to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Shannon Brakebill-yes, Brad Mullings-yes and Rodney Lee-yes. Mayor Harralson announced that the Board was going into closed session. All non-elected officials were asked to leave for a few minutes, except for Chief Smith. 8:10pm.

At 8:20pm Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman was back in open session.

16) Adjourn – Rodney Lee moved to adjourn. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser