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Minutes Regular City Council Meeting March 20, 2017

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Justin Carlson, Brad Mullings and Rodney Lee. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Chief Bobby Smith and City Clerk Lynn Esser.
- 3) **Moment of Silent Prayer**
- 4) **Approval of Agenda** – Rodney Lee moved to approve the Agenda. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
- 5) **Approval of Minutes** – Regular Meeting February 20, 2017 – Rodney Lee moved to approve the minutes as presented. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Gary Dooley moved to approve pending bills. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Bev Wilson (Jeremy Spradlin) – Power Blast car wash – 412 S Main – Equipment malfunction. Mr Spradlin an employee for PowerBlast representing Bev Wilson addressed the Board of Alderman explaining that a there was a system problem with the thermostat on the weepers causing them to turn on even in warmer weather. The problem has been fixed by manually setting the weepers until the equipment can be fixed. Justin Carlson advised Mr. Spradlin that the adjustment process is to average 6-months and take that average time two and the customer will pay which ever bill is less. Power Blast will receive the calculated standard adjustment.
 - b) Kevin Crowell (Nancy Crowell) – 203 W Cowden – Water Leak. Ms. Crowell, mother of the resident Kevin Crowell, addressed the Board of Alderman about receiving an adjustment. Apparently, there was a leak at the time Kevin Crowell moved in and it took five months of increased usage before the leaks was found and fixed in late February. Readings for March confirm the leak has been fixed. The Board of Alderman iterated the policy as described above. Ms. Crowell contended that since the leak had been a part of the bill for the last 5-months that a set amount for the adjustment should be made rather than averaging. After much discussion and calculations Rodney Lee moved to give special dispensation and adjust the bill with Kevin Crowell paying \$119.26 on the currant amount. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.
 - c) Brianna Stoops – Pleasant Hope Community Car Show – April 29 from 11am to 5pm at the Middle School (Fund raiser for St. Jude Children’s Hospitals). Ms. Stoops presented the Board of Alderman with a flier for the event and encouraged everyone to pass the word and attend.
- 8) **Old Business:**
 - a) Update on Liquor License issue—**BILL# 177** An Ordinance to Rescind Ordinance 26 and replace with An Ordinance to Regulate and Control the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors, and Prescribe and Establish License Classifications and Licensing Fees. – Rodney Lee moved to have the first reading of BILL #177 by title only. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #177 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the first reading of BILL #177 by title only and to have the second reading of Bill #177 by title only. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson read aloud BILL #177 by title only. Rodney Lee moved to approve the second reading of BILL #177 and to pass BILL #177. Brad Mullings second. Roll Call Vote: Justin Carlson-yes, Brad Mullings-yes, Rodney Lee-Yes, and Gary Dooley-Yes. BILL #177 became Ordinance #319.
 - b) Status on the formal mutual aid agreements with Bolivar Public Works and Polk County – Rick Davis advised the Board of Alderman that he had not heard from City Attorney Travis Elliott yet.
 - c) Status on Business Application for: Pleasant Hope Assembly - Neighbor House – 109 N Main – Lynn Esser reported that this business is still closed and she is waiting for all the paperwork.
 - d) Status on Business Application for: Studio Salon in home Whitney Bader – 209 S Rush – Lynn Esser reported that this business is still closed and she is waiting for all the paperwork.
 - e) Status on the Sewer Shut Off Valve installation at 312 S Main – Rick Davis reported that Bolivar PW came down yesterday and, using their camera in the sewer line, determined exactly where he should dig.

- f) Status on straightening the fire hydrant at the corner of Main and Murray – Rick Davis reported that a lack of response from other utilities to mark their lines has slowed things down. He has also contacted Joe Vineyard to use his backhoe (which is bigger than the City's) to trench the line and be available if anything went wrong.
 - g) Status on sidewalk project between W Adams and the High School – Rick Davis reported he was still waiting on bids and is working on getting an easement across the Enyart property.
 - h) Status on the electrical box at property line 5493 Kay St. – Rick Davis reported the Empire District Electric came out and a reviewed the box and advised him that there was no danger to kids at play by the box.
 - i) Status farm equipment placement on Pirate Lane – Rick Davis report the equipment has been moved.
 - j) Status on Willow tree blocking drivers view at 5493 Kay St. – Chief Bobby Smith will review the situation and contact the owner as needed.
 - k) Status on storage tank removal at 2034 E Hwy 215 – Chief Bobby Smith advised the Board of Alderman that he has not had time to contact he owner.
 - l) Status on the hiring of a FT Police Officer – Chief Bobby Smith advised the Board of Alderman of his numerous applications and introduced Jeffrey Inmon as his choice for the FT Officer position. He presented the Board of Alderman with Mr Inmon's resume and application for review. Rodney Lee moved to hire Jeffrey Inmon as a FT Police Officer at a per hour rate of \$13. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Mr Inmon will need two weeks to separate from his current position.
- 9) New Business**
- a) Employee Wage & Salary – Justin Carlson presented a proposal to increase per hour wages for Troy Copeland, Rick Davis and Lynn Esser. His documentation addressed years of serve, increase of wages history and how the titles for these employees are compensated in Springfield and the surround area. Rodney Lee moved to increase wages for each employee by \$1 per hour and to review wages and budget again in July. Justin Carlson second. All in favor none opposed.
 - b) New Business License applications – Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that she had received two new business license applications. The Red Roof Diner – owner Janice Wooten. Rodney Lee moved to accept the application with the contingency that all paper work be in order before opening. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. The Pharmacy – owner Colby and Whitney Grove. Rodney Lee moved to accept the application with the contingency that all paper work be in order before opening. Brad Mullings second all in favor none opposed.
- 10) Mayor and Alderman Communications**
- Brad Mullings ask Rick Davis how traffic was handled for traffic accidents. Rick responded (as a member of the Fire & Rescue) with as much information as he knew.
- 11) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided all the required financial and water utility reports. Lynn Esser advised the Board of Alderman that she is using QuickBooks2014 and has been notified by QuickBooks that they will no longer support the payroll function of QuickBooks2014. Rodney Lee moved to allow the City Clerk to purchase the 2017 version of QuickBooks. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 12) Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis reported:
He will be painting the new curb on W Adams St. Rick Davis reviewed the recently issued Fair Grove Directory with the Board of Alderman and advised the Board of Alderman that Jeanie Stacy at Sullivan Bank will be coordinating an effort to do a directory of businesses and service for Pleasant Hope.
- 13) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Police** Chief Bobby Smith advised the Board of Alderman that POST requirement for Reserve Officer hours are changing and will require the officer to be employed instead of volunteer and be eligible for benefits. He presented the Board of Alderman with a contract from the only reserve Officer Dr. O'Block. He has not been able to connect with the City Attorney to review the contract. Chief Smith presented an offer from Chief Webb of Bolivar to donate to the City of PH a 2010 DARE car for the price of \$1. He will run this offer through the attorney and request paperwork for an audit trail.
- 14) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021, litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees.**
- 15) Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser