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### **Minutes for City Council Meeting May 15, 2017**

- 1) **Call to order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 7pm.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Aldermen present: Gary Dooley, Shannon Brakebill, Brad Mullings and Rodney Lee. Also present: Mayor Richard Harralson, City Clerk Lynn Esser, Public Works Director Rick Davis, Police Chief Smith and Patrolman Inmon.
- 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 May 15, 2017. –Gary Dooley moved to have the time changed from 4 to 7pm. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve Minutes of May 15, 2017 with changes. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Approval of Pending Bills** – Mayor Harralson made note that the amount for Jasper County was incorrect. Brad Mullings moved to correct the amount for Jasper County. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Rodney Lee moved to approve payment of the pending bills. Gary Dooley second. Brad Mullings abstained from the approval for Mullings Construction. Shannon Brakebill abstained from the approval of Shaun Brakebill. All in favor for payment pending bills with the above abstentions.
- 7) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
  - a) None
- 8) **Old Business:**
  - a) Status on a donated police vehicle from Bolivar PD and possible purchase of vehicle – Rick Davis & Chief Smith – reported that the vehicle is still being used by the Bolivar PD.
  - b) Status on Mutual Aid Agreement with Bolivar PD from Bolivar City Attorney – Chief Bobby Smith reported that he has not heard from the Bolivar attorney.
  - c) Status on Mutual Aid Agreement with City of Bolivar Public Works – Rick Davis reported that he has not heard from Bolivar Public Works or the Bolivar attorney.
  - d) Status on Business License Applications that are missing all the required paperwork – Lynn Esser reported that the two businesses without paperwork are not open for business yet. She also advised the Board of Alderman that she received a request for a business licenses, with a check, from a marketing group that does not have a store front and the person applying does not live in the city. Rodney Lee moved to have the City Clerk send the check back to the applicant with a letter. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
  - e) Status on the Sewer Shut-Off Valve installation at 312 S Main – Rick Davis reported that the rain has delayed this project.
  - f) Status on Willow tree blocking drivers view at 5493 Kay St. – Chief Bobby Smith reported that he spoke to the person, but still needs to send him a letter since he is not complying as was discussed.
  - g) Status on storage tank removal at 2034 E Hwy 215 – Rick Davis and Chief Bobby Smith report that the storage tanks are in the process of being removed along with other stuff.
  - h) Status on adding a cell phone to City account for the Police Dept. – Lynn Esser report that Verizon has failed to provide as promised and she continues to contact them for results.
  - i) Status on proposal from U-Link Wireless Internet Solutions – Rick Davis reported that after U-Link inspected the water tower they decided it was too expensive to install so they moved on to the tower at Moon Ridge.
- 9) **New Business**
  - a) Request to destroy, recycle or trash inventory items that are broken or obsolete and local records as prescribed by State of Missouri office of the Auditor Retention Schedules. Lynn Esser & Chief Bobby Smith. Lynn Esser provided a detailed written report to the Board of Alderman. Rodney Lee moved to accept the list and allow the destruction of such. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.
- 10) **Mayor and Alderman Communications**
  - Mayor Harralson presented a framed copy of Officer Inmon’s interview with the Bolivar Free Herald Press.
  - Gary Dooley noted that the city lot across from the City Park is looking more like a used tractor lot. Rick Davis assured him that it would be cleared after the Antique Tractor Show on Saturday.
  - Mayor Harralson advised the Board of Alderman that he had been approached by Dale VanDePol, owner of the property where the fire hydrant was repaired. Mr. VanDePol asked the Mayor for a credit on his water bill for the amount over his normal bill since he watered in the new grass from his own spigot. The amount of the credit would be

§22.43. Rodney Lee moved to approve the credit this time, but in the future Public Works shall advise the homeowner that once seeded it will be the owner's responsibility to maintain without consideration of a water credit should the homeowner chose to water the repaired area. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed.

➤ Rodney Lee made note to the Chief about yard violations and the continued enforcement throughout the summer.

**11) Monthly Report City Clerk** - Lynn Esser provided all the monthly financial and utility reports. She also advised the Board of Alderman that Dallas County Propane (which services City Hall) has been sold to ThompsonGas.

**12) Monthly Report Public Works** – Rick Davis – had nothing to report

**13) Monthly Report Police Dept.**

➤ Police Chief Bobby Smith provided the Board of Alderman with a written report of the activities of the PHPD.

➤ Chief Smith also described a situation where the radios could not get a signal and the situation was difficult and could have been dangerous. He has been talking to Sheriff Morrison on sharing the cost of installing a repeater on our water tower. Chief Smith and Rick Davis fielded a Q&A session with the Aldermen. The request from Chief Smith is to share ½ (one half) the cost of a \$6,000 repeater with the Sheriff's Department. They would also use the repeater when in the area. Rodney Lee moved to approve the purchase and installation of repeater at a cost not to exceed \$3,000. Brad Mullings second. All in favor none opposed.

➤ Chief Smith advised the Board of Alderman that after researching the POST requirement for Reserve Officers he has written a new Job Description for Police Reserve Officers for their review. (Included in their packet). He would also remove the \$50 monthly stipend and provide one complete uniform plus unlimited POST training opportunities.

➤ Chief Smith advised the Board of Alderman that Officer Inmon was working out great and he has received good feedback from the community. Officer Inmon work security at the Moon Ridge event with Lt. Governor Mike Parson. The Lt. Governor gave Chief Smith very positive feedback on Officer Inmon's professionalism.

➤ The Chief advised the Board of Alderman that he has been working with Scott Choate at the Junction Grill to establish a "Coffee with a Cop Day" and will also be talking to Janice Wooten of The Red Door Diner.

➤ Chief Smith made note that Officer Armstrong has not returned to duty yet. He will be required to have a doctor's release to come back to active duty. If Officer Armstrong does not return to active duty soon he would like to eliminate that part-time position.

➤ The Chief advised the Board of Alderman that he posted the sale of the Durango on Greg's List and put fliers up all over town to take bids. The City Clerk Lynn Esser opened the only bid received. The bid was from Richard Smith (no relation to the Chief) of Republic MO for a sum of \$2,000. Rodney Lee moved to accept the bid of \$2,000 for the Durango. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none oppose.

**14) 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. Brad Mulling second. Roll Call Vote: Gary Dooley-yes, Shannon Brakebill –yes, Brad Mullings-yes, and Rodney Lee-yes. Mayor Harralson announced that the Board of Alderman was going into closed session. All parties not involved were asked to go outside for a while. 7:50pm. The Mayor announced that the Board of Alderman was back in open session at 8:07pm

**15) Adjourn** – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Brad Mullings second. All in favor. Mayor Harralson adjourned the meeting at 8:09pm.

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Mayor Richard Harralson

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City Clerk Lynn Esser