



City of Pleasant Hope
304 E Miller Street
417-267-2112

Minutes Regular City Council Meeting May 17, 2021

- 1) **Call to Order** – Mayor Harralson called the meeting to order at 6:58pm
- 2) **Roll Call** – Aldermen present: Shannon Brakebill, Gary Dooley and Rodney Lee. Alderman Sandy Richardson not present. Also present: Rick Davis Public Service Director, Lynn Esser City Clerk and Chief Terin Cantrell.
- 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 April 19, 2021 and Closed Session on April 19, 2021 – Rodney Lee moved to approve all minutes as presented. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
- 6) **Pending Bills** – Approval of Pending Bills – Gary Dooley moved to approve pending bills. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed.
- 7) **Oath of Office for Shannon Brakebill – Alderman at Larger.** Lynn Esser administered the Oath of Office to Shannon Brakebill.
- 8) **Comments and Questions from the Public**
 - a) Deana Offerdahl – was recognized by the Mayor and introduced herself as the new librarian for the Middle School and High School. Her goal is the make reading a priority and to provide different venues to get the kids involved.
 - b) Linda Burdett – Was recognized by the Mayor. She wanted to know when the Book Sharing Library could move in to City Hall. The discussion eventually came around to having the Book Sharing Library take over Suite A in the Police Department building as soon as negotiations could be made to have Jerry Stevens vacate the suite. Rick Davis called Jerry Stevens to advise. Rodney Lee moved to allow the Book Sharing Library to move into 306 E Miller, Suite A as soon as a timeframe can be negotiated with Mr. Stevens. Gary Dooley second. All in favor none opposed. Ms. Offerdahl, fielded a question from Alderman Dooley about types of reading material that would be allowed in the library. She explained the school does not explicitly limit any books, but they do follow the AASL Library Standard and if the Pleasant Hope Book Sharing Library is to become part of the Polk County Library system it too would need to comply.
- 9) **Old Business:**
 - a) Status on raising the height of several sewer manholes to prevent storm water infiltration – Rick Davis advised the Board that another length of sewer line, closed to 109 S Main, that appears to have some congestion and he would be working to make sure it gets cleared.
 - b) Status on the insulation project for City Hall – Rick Davis advised the Board that the work was complete.
 - c) Status on tree removal and resurfacing of walking trail at City Park – Rick Davis advised the Board that he and Alderman Brakebill have been reviewing the tree issue at the park. Consensus is that it is a monster tree that will need professional removal. It might be possible to save half of the tree and only remove the dead. Alderman Brakebill agreed with several professionals, that the best time to attack this issue would be in the fall. The resurfacing cannot take place until the tree is handled. Alderman Lee requested that the trip hazards caused by the tree, as well as other problematic areas along the walking trail be marked with caution paint.
 - d) Status on book sharing boxes and implementation – Troy Copeland not present
 - e) Status on City Web Site upgrade – Lynn Esser and Jordon Grover – Mr. Grover was not present. Lynn Esser explained the Mr. Grover was willing to review the city web site and present some redesign ideas. Money was not discussed. Rodney Lee moved to have Lynn pursue the idea with Mr. Grover. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.
 - f) Status on installation of 4-way stop at Miller St and S Main St. – Rick Davis advise the Board that he will know when it will happen when he sees the Dig Right notice come in.
 - g) Status on downtown ADA sidewalk project – Rick Davis advised same as above.
 - h) Status on letters to various addresses to clean up their yards – Chief Cantrell advised the Board that PHPD took a personal contact approach for the problems and many have made progress. Letters will go out later this week for non-compliance.

10) New Business

a) Nothing brought forward

11) Mayor and Alderman Communications

a) Discussion Liberty Utilities buying the Pleasant Hope water and sewer utilities – Mayor Harralson asked for a closed session after the monthly reports.

12) Monthly Report City Clerk - Lynn Esser provided all the monthly financials and utility reports. The Quarterly report for Budget to Actual was presented with a new compressed look. No questions were asked.

13) Monthly Report Director of Public Services – Rick Davis reported that the paving of Highway H was complete from Springfield to Halfway and he will be pushing for Highway 215 to be surfaced at the next TAC Meeting

14) Monthly Report Police Dept. – Chief Terin Cantrell provided a written report of PHPD activities. Further discussion was had on the repairs and the service at Corwin. He is still without a car. Would like permission to pursue the purchase/lease of an additional police car. Funding would most like come from the monthly donations from Missouri Prime Beef. Rodney Lee moved to allow Chief to start looking for a car. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed. Chief Cantrell asked permission to hire a PT Compliance Officer. Rodney Lee moved to allow Chief to hire a PT Compliance Officer. Shannon Brakebill second. All in favor none opposed.

15) Motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1)(2)(3), litigation, real estate, hiring, firing, disciplining of employees. Shannon Brakebill moved to go into closed session RSMo 610.021(1)(2), litigation and real estate. Gary Dooley second. Roll Call Vote: Shannon Brakebill—yes, Gary Dooley-yes, Rodney Lee-yes and Sandy Richardson absent. Mayor Harralson announced closed session at 7:55pm. Mayor Harralson announced back in open session at 8:15pm.

16) Adjourn – Gary Dooley moved to adjourn. Rodney Lee second. All in favor none opposed. Mayor adjourned the meeting at 8:15pm.

Mayor Richard Harralson

City Clerk Lynn Esser