

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2019

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room at the City Hall Administration Building.

Those present were: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, City Clerk Sandy Button, Aldermen Matt Ahart, Ray Easley, Steve Guthrie and Cody Keene. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Ken Hayes, Scott Stewart, Lynn Hahn, Derry Camp, Sharon Camp, Annette Beard, Starla Billington, Jack Wassman, Sue Elverston, Shane Henson, Rebecca Wassman, Jerry Burton, Karen Sherman, Nathan See, Mike Adams, Eric Danielson, Nolen Moore, Kevin Eads, Sue Elverston, Laura Acosta, Steve Patton, Starla Billington and Alex Wright.

Mayor Jackie Crabtree called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jackie Crabtree opened the meeting in prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Water Wastewater Supt. Ken Hayes updated the Council on the progress of the new Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Water Wastewater Supt. Hayes explained two in-house capital improvement projects to the council.

1. New sewer line on the North side of Highway 72 from the First Baptist Church to It'll Do Road estimated cost - \$21,477.
2. New 4" water line loop on Cardinal Circle estimated cost - \$16,366

Alderman Keene move, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve both in-house water and sewer capital improvement projects as presented. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 653 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 653, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY
TO THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE; APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES TO
BE EXTENDED TO SAID AREA; AND ASSIGNING SUCH TO WARDS

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor Crabtree put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor Crabtree declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor Crabtree then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor Crabtree on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

Alderman Easley seconded by Alderman Ahart, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 654 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 654, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING DESIGNATION OF
CERTAIN LANDS TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2):

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Ahart, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor Crabtree put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor Crabtree declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor Crabtree then read the Ordinance by title only.

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The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Ahart, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 655 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 655, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14,
THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS MAP OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS, TO
REZONE CERTAIN LAND BELONGING TO ABUNDANT LIFE PROPERTIES II
LLC FROM R-3/C-3 TO COMMERCIAL (C-2)

Alderman Easley, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor Crabtree put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor Crabtree declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor Crabtree then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor Crabtree on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 652 for the second reading, which is entitled:

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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.04 AND

The third reading of Ordinance Number 652 will be at the Regular December 30, 2019 Council Meeting.

The Mayor explained the Arkansas Community Assistance Grant Program for the Pea Ridge Police Department.

After the discussion Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 431, which is entitled:

AWIN Communications Improvements

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to approve Resolution Number 431 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Ahart, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 656 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 656, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE POLICY FOR THE EXTENSION OF
CITY UTILITIES OUTSIDE THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE
AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The second reading of Ordinance Number 656 will be at the Regular December 30, 2019 Council Meeting.

The 2020 Budget was presented with the Total Receipts/Expenditures for each department as follows:

BOND ACCOUNT	\$ 50,000.00
CITY GENERAL	4,162,425.00
CITY PARK	34,825.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	681,350.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACT 833	25,000.00
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT	8,000.00
IMPACT FEES	300,000.00
LIBRARY	75,390.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT	1,109,000.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	732,000.00
STREET FUND	200,000.00
UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS	20,000.00
WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT	1,971,000.00
 TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT	 \$9,368,990.00

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 432, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATION OF
THE CITY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 432 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman introduced Pea Ridge National Military Park Supt. Kevin Eads, Environmental Officer Nolen Moore and Interim Supt. Laura Acostas. Chief Wassman thanked them for their generous donation of a four-seater UTV that they donated to the Pea Ridge Fire Department.

Chief Wassman also discussed proposed changes to Resolution Number 358, see attached sheet. This resolution will be updated and presented to the Council at the December regular meeting.

Chief Wassman explained a false alarm policy to the Council. This policy will be presented as an Ordinance at the December regular meeting.

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to increase the paramedic's pay from \$15.00 per hour to \$16.00 per hour effective immediately.

Presented twelve easements for water and sewer utilities for Council approval as listed below:

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726 Macdonald Drive
722 Macdonald Drive
720 Macdonald Drive
718 Macdonald Drive
716 Macdonald Drive
714 Macdonald Drive
712 Macdonald Drive
710 Macdonald Drive
724 Macdonald Drive
708 Macdonald Drive
706 Macdonald Drive
20 Acres Ross Salvage Road – Ronald Clements

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the twelve easements as listed above. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Street Supt. Nathan See ask the Council for approval to advertise for bids for curb and gutter for the Hazelton & It'll Do Road Project. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve advertising for bids for the curb and gutter road project on Hazelton and It'll Do Roads. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to pay the current council members \$200 per meeting attended and the Planning Commission members \$175 per meeting attended in 2019. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve end of the year merit awards in the amount of \$500.00 for full time employees and \$250.00 for part time employees. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree stated the regular December council meeting will be Monday, December 30, 2019, at 7:00 p.m.

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Alderman Ahart moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk