

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
December 30, 2019

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Monday, December 30, 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 Ray Easley, Steve Guthrie and Cody Keene. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Scott Stewart, Lynn Hahn, Derry Camp, Sharon Camp, Annette Beard, Starla Billington, Greg Turner, Riley Heasley, Jack Wassman, Rebecca Wassman, Karen Sherman and Eric Danielson.

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 November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 657 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 657, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING ZONING DESIGNATION OF
CERTAIN LANDS TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-2) AND
LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1):

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, 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: 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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Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Easley, 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: 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 Guthrie seconded by Alderman Easley, moved to approve Ordinance Number 652 on its third reading.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.04 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted nay. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 656 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: 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 third reading of Ordinance Number 656 will be at the January 21, 2020 Regular Council Meeting.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to introduce Resolution Number 436 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 436, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND SETTING THE
RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES TO BE
PROVIDED BY THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE AMBULANCE
SERVICE.

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Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 436. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Easley seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 658 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 658, which is entitled:

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SERVICE FEES FOR REPEATED FIRE
DEPARTMENT CALLS TO FALSE ALARMS**

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Easley, 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: 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 Easley, 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: 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.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman showed a presentation of a Fire Safety House the Rogers Fire Department has donated to the Pea Ridge Fire Department. This Fire Safety House is being used by the Fire Department at the Pea Ridge Schools to educate the students on fire safety. The City thanked the Rogers Fire Department for their generous donation.

Chief Wassman recognized Dr. Karen Sherman for a generous donation of \$20,000 to go towards a new cascade system for the Pea Ridge Fire Department. The City thanked Dr. Sherman for her generous donation.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to waive competitive bidding and purchase a Mako EA06H Compressor cascade system for the Pea Ridge Fire Department in the amount of \$34,500. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the transfer of \$14,500 from Fire Department Impact Fees for the purchase of a Mako EA06H Compressor cascade system for the Pea Ridge Fire Department. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the transfer of \$150,000 from Street Department Impact Fees to the Street Department Fund for the 2020 Street Projects. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The 2019 Amended Budget was presented with the total receipts/expenditures for each department effected as follows:

CITY GENERAL	\$4,263,700.00
CITY PARK	144,625.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	605,500.00
LIBRARY	90,490.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	832,400.00
	\$5,936,715.00

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 433, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY OF
PEA RIDGE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2019

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 433 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree presented the December 31, 2018 City of Pea Ridge, Arkansas Regulatory Basis Financial Statements to the Council stating that there were no findings for the Audit again this year and thanking the office staff for their excellent work. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve the December 31, 2018 Audit as presented. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 434, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ATTORNEY FOR THE
CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS

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Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 434 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 435, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY PROSECUTING
FOR THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 435 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council discussed a cost of living increase for all City employees. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to give employees making over \$50,000 a year 1.6% increase per year and employees making under 50,000 2.0% increase per year. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk