

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
January 21, 2020

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, 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, Lynn Hahn, Annette Beard, Karen Sherman, Jared Powel, Jessie Fryer, Ginger Larson, Nick Larson, Al Fowler, Adam Burris and Robert McGowen and Josh Stubbs.

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 December 30, 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.

Police Chief Lynn Hahn addressed the Council concerning the new radios necessary to comply with the County. Adam Burris and Josh Stubbs with Motorola explained the purchase of 41 APX 900 portable radios for the price of \$65,231.00 through State purchasing. Total for each department - Fire Department 20, Police Department 18, City Hall 3. Mayor Crabtree stated that we are still waiting on the results of the AWIN Grant in the amount of \$50,000 that could go towards the purchase of these radios. Because of some legal questions on the purchase agreement, this matter was tabled until the February 18, 2020 Regular Meeting.

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

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Easley, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 652 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 652, which is entitled:

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

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Alderman Guthrie, 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: 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 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: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted nay. 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 Keene seconded by Alderman Easley, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 656 by title only for the third reading. 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.

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 nay. 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 Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 659 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 659, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE
BIDDING; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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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 to introduce Ordinance Number 660 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 660, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 13.04.03 B

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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 to introduce Ordinance Number 661 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 661, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE
MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 15.04

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.

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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 nay. 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.

On a recommendation from Mayor Crabtree Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to reappoint Al Fowler to a 5-year term that will end December 31, 2024. 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 Council set a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss capital improvements and an increase in the City sales tax for Thursday, February 6, 2020, at 6 p.m.

The Mayor and Council extended condolences to the Aiden Cotton family, Aiden was a 15-year-old Pea Ridge student that passed away suddenly from a heart attack and Tom Sheets family for the loss of his Mother.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk