

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
February 18, 2020

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 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, Jared Powell, Jessie Fryer, Jack Wassman, Brian Mowrey, Chris Hunt, Ruth Ann Hunt, Greg Turner, Shane Henson, Stephanie Henson, Ben Osoweicki, Bob Lipscomb, Kevin Felgenhauer, Linda Felgenhauer, Bob Cottingham, Derry Camp, Sharon Camp, Gary Price, Greg Turner and Michael Lisenbee.

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 January 21, 2020 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.

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Ahart, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 662 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 662, which is entitled:

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

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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Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Ahart, 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; Steven 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.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 439, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC.

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 439. 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 Resolution Number 438, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE POLICY MANUAL OF THE PEA RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT AS PROMULGATED BY THE CHIEF OF POLICE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 438. 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. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to approve the emergency clause. 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.

Water Wastewater Supt. Ken Hayes updated the Council on the progress of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Although rain has been a factor this month it is still on schedule to be completed the end of July or first of August. Ninety percent of the plant equipment has been delivered and is on site.

The Highway 72 (in front of the First Baptist Church) sewer line project is scheduled to begin next week.

Engineering has begun on the (Blackjack Corner) Highway 94 sewer line project.

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Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 437, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE BLACK HILLS
PEA RIDGE EXTENSION PROJECT**

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to approve Resolution Number 437. 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 stated the 2020 Annual Spring Clean Up dates will be April 1, - April 3, 2020, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. and April 4, 2020, from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dumpsters will be located at the City Property behind TH Rogers Lumber Company. All citizens will need to bring a current paid water bill receipt to show proof of residency. There will be a maximum of three trips per household. The following items will be accepted for disposal: furniture, stoves, dishwashers, bicycles, compressed gas cylinders, car batteries, fire extinguishers, washers and dryers, electronic waste, air conditioners and refrigerators (if Freon has been removed by certified technician) compressors (will be accepted as separate items), fluorescent bulbs, cleaners (water based), chemicals, oil, oil filters, car tires (4 per household), anti-freeze, aerosols, flammable liquids and solids, pesticides, etc.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman and Captain Jared Powel presented Meritorious Service Awards to Brian Mowrey and Chris Hunt for their heroic action in saving a life at a local restaurant in Pea Ridge recently. The Council and citizens present applauded their service.

Chief Wassman explained an Assistance to Firefighter Grant Program (AFG) needed to purchase 24 Scott X3 Pro SCBA in the amount of \$197,743.20 from Emergency Vehicle Specialists. A resolution will be needed to apply for this grant.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 440, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE
ASSISTANCE TO FIREFIGHTERS GRANT PROGRAM**

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 440. 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.

Chief Wassman explained to the Council the Safer Grant which is also through (AFG). This grant would pay a portion of full-time fire department personnel, including benefits for up to three years.

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Street Supt. Nathan See explained that only one bid for the It'll Do Curb and Gutter Project was received and opened today. This bid was in the amount of \$282,000 over twice the amount expected. This bid was rejected, and the engineer is going to look over unit prices and come back with other options with moving forward on this project.

Supt. See stated that the new 2020 Ford F350 Dump Truck has been delivered and is being equipped for street maintenance and snow removal.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk