

Pea Ridge City Council  
Regular Meeting  
August 18, 2020

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

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Ken Hayes, Annette Beard, Jack Wassman, Karen Sherman, Lynn Hahn, Quinn Gehler, Nick Larson, Ginger Larson, Helmer, Shane Henson, Stephanie Henson, Bobby Lipscomb, Cheryl Wilson, Phyllis Hansen, Virginia Paul, Lena Nunley, Tom Henson, James Paul, Dea Wolfe, Lonnie Harrell, Stephanie Henson, Shane Henson, Theresa Gehler, Dayton Gehler, Kevin Felgenhauer, Julie Sheets, Riley Heasley, Matt Ahart, Jesse Fryer, Larry Phillips, David Turner, Aaron Biggerstap, Sheila Biggerstap, Doug Sperber, Sam Welborn, Will Keustrom, Maureen Stayber, Alexys Lipscomb, Ivan Guevva, Jamie Yeagar, Shelby Yeager, Bobbye Dye, John Dye, Micah Lipscomb, Brian Armas and Mike Seay.

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 Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 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.

Matt Ahart read a letter of resignation effective immediately as Alderman for the City of Pea Ridge due to moving out of Pea Ridge. He thanked the citizens for the opportunity he has had to represent them. Mayor Crabtree and the Council thanked Matt for his contribution to the council and to the City.

Mayor Crabtree stated that persons interested in filling the vacancy on the City Council should send in an application to City Hall by September 11<sup>th</sup>. Persons interested must live in Ward 1 (East side of Highway 94), be at least 18 years of age and be a registered voter. The Mayor and Council will appoint a new alderman at the September 11th Council Meeting.

The Council discussed leasing instead of purchasing to T. H. Rogers a portion of city owned property located behind the Lumber Company at 150 W. Pickens. The terms of the lease are \$1,200.00 per year for 15 years with two additional 5-year options.

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Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 446, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER INTO  
A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE T. H. ROGERS LUMBER COMPANY**

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 446 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.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman recognized Quinn Gehler for completing Fire Fighter School and presented him with his Fireman Badge. Chief Wassman also recognized fireman Bobby Lipscomb as Chaplain for the Pea Ridge Fire Department. Chaplain Lipscomb's granddaughter Alexys Lipscomb presented him with a Chaplain Badge. Chief Wassman also stated that Jared Powel had been promoted to Deputy Fire Chief.

Fire Chief Wassman thanked John and Bobbye Dye with Dye Hards Gym for their contribution towards a turnout gear for the Fire Department.

Because we were unable to sell the 1979 Sutphen Fire Truck on Public Surplus, Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to donate this truck to the Washburn Missouri 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.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 444, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION SETTING SIGN APPLICATION FEES**

After a brief discussion, Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 444 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.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Easley, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 678 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.

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Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 678 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE, SECTION 5.16.03;  
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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.

Alderman Easley, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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; 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.

Water Wastewater Supt. Ken Hayes updated the Council on the progress of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant. Supt. Hayes explained that currently they are approximately one week ahead of schedule.

Six Permanent Easement and Right-Of-Way Grants were presented to the Council for approval as listed below:

Graham Revocable Trust, W. Pickens – 13-00153-003  
Karen S. Sherman Revocable Trust, Dove Rd. – 13-00124-050  
Any Ten Acres Land Trust, Dove Rd. – 13-00124-025  
Slack Line Land Trust, Slack Street – 13-00124-027  
Walk the Dog Land Trust, Dove Road – 18-07108-000  
Mae E. Hickman Trust, Dove Rd. – 13-00124-030

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the following easements as presented:

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Mae E. Hickman Trust, Dove Rd. – 13-00124-030

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 seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 679 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 679 by title only, 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 PRBD, LLC, FROM AGRICULTURAL (A1) TO COMMERCIAL (C3) AND RESIDENTIAL (R2).

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.

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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; 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.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 680 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.

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Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 680 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE CODE SECTION 14.04.03 BY  
RE-ZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM A-1 TO R-2 AND C-1, PROVIDING  
FOR THE EMERGENCY CLAUSE AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the Emergency Clause 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 and Emergency Clause were 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 Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 681 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 681 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF HAZELTON HEIGHTS  
PHASE II SUBDIVISION PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:  
THE DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS ANOTHER PUBLIC  
WAYS THEREIN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the Emergency Clause 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 and Emergency Clause were adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

The Council discussed the SRO Program Agreement between the City of Pea Ridge and the Pea Ridge School District. City Clerk Button stated that the School Board had approved this agreement at their board meeting Monday, August 17, 2020. Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Easley moved to approve the SRO Program Agreement for 2020/2021. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Police Chief Lynn Hahn stated that SRO Officer Rick Helmer had resigned, and Officer Drew Rosser would be taking his place as one of the SRO Officers at the Pea Ridge Schools.

Chief Hahn also recognized members of this summer's Crime Suppression Unit: Sgt. Hicks, Officer Varner, Officer Stamps and Officer Hunt. During a twelve-week period the follow arrests were made:

- Total Traffic Stops: 545
- Total Arrests: 94 (80 Misdemeanors, 14 Felonies)
- Drug Seizures:
  - 209.2g Marijuana
  - 10.9g Methamphetamine
  - 16.6 Mushrooms
  - 28g Kratom
- Pea Ridge Warrants Cleared: 37
- Other Agency Warrants Served: 35

Chief Hahn thank all the officers who helped make this possible, particularly the SRO's who covered regular shifts so that the CSU could perform their tasks.

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Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 445, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a VERIZON  
WIRELESS TO ASSIGN LEASE TO ECO SITE II, LLC

After a brief discussion, Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve Resolution Number 445 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 thanked all department heads and employees for their continued support and assistance during his absence.

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

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Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

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Sandy Button, City Clerk