

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
August 20, 2019

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 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, Kevin Hayes, Scott Stewart, Lynn Hahn, Derry Camp, Sharon Camp, Annette Beard, Jared Powell, Jason Bowman, Shane Henson, Greg Turner, Rylie Hiesley, Jack Wassman and Aaron Clark.

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.

Mayor Crabtree congratulated City Clerk Sandy Button on 42 years of service with the City of Pea Ridge.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to approve the minutes of the July 16, 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.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman presented Street employees Aaron Clark and Dustin Phy with the Pea Ridge Citizens Hero Award. Chief Wassman explained that on October 24, 2018, as they were driving by 967 North Davis Street, they observed a house on fire and responded saving a resident and her pet. Their heroic actions went above and beyond to save a life and make a difference in what could have been a tragic situation.

Captain/EMS Coordinator Jarod Powell updated the Council on the proposed purchase of a refurbished cardiac monitor. The quotes received were \$18,350 and \$18,450 and come with a one-year warranty. More information is necessary before a final decision can be made. This matter will be tabled until the Regular September Council Meeting.

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

Water Wastewater Supt. Hayes addressed the Council concerning a need for a new crane for the sewer truck. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to authorize Supt. Hayes to advertise for bids for this new crane. 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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On a recommendation from Mayor Crabtree Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to transfer the 2008 Ford F-150 (Animal Control Vehicle) from the City to the Water Department. 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 2019 Annual Fall Clean Up will be held September 19, - September 20, 2012, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. and September 21, 2011, from 7 a.m. - 5 p.m. Dumpsters will be located at the City Property behind TH Rogers Lumber Co. 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, car batteries, washers and dryers, air conditioners and refrigerators (if Freon has been removed by certified technician) compressors (will be accepted as separate items) car tires (4 per household). The following items will not be accepted for disposal: household trash, construction material, anything containing Freon, items too large to fit in the dumpster, house hold hazardous waste. paint or petroleum items.

Alderman Ahart, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 649 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 649, 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 JERRY AND BONNY AUSTIN
FROM (A) TO LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (R-1).

Alderman Ahart, 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 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; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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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.

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 19, 2019. Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 424, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND
POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN SRO AGREEMENT WITH
THE PEA RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Alderman Easley seconded by Alderman Keene moved to approve the Resolution Number 424 the SRO Program Agreement for 2019/2020. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Bob Cottingham voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Lance Sanders voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 650 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 650, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING MARIJUANA SMOKING IN
PUBLIC PLACES IN THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE,
ARKANSAS; 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: 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 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: Matt Ahart voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Ahart, 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: 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 and Emergency Clause were 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 422, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER
INTO A REAL ESTATE CONTRACT TO PURCHASE REAL PROPERTY

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve Resolution Number 422 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.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 423, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER
INTO A LAND LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CELLCO PARTNERSHIP d/b/a
VERIZON WIRELESS

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 423 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.

An easement for Ingress, Egress, Utilities for Battlefield RV & Mini Storage, LLC was presented for Council approval. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to approve the Ingress, Egress, Utilities Easement for Battlefield RV & Mini Storage, LLC. 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 announced the upcoming NWA Emergency Preparedness Fair. The event will take place Saturday, September 21, 2019, from 9 am to 1 pm at 1101 McCollum Drive in Bentonville. There is no charge for this event and free lunch will be provided for all attendees. There will be classes and information booths to teach about a range of emergency preparedness topics. Also, the American Red Cross will host a walk-in blood drive.

Mayor Crabtree stated the next Access Arkansas Meeting will be Wednesday, September 11th at 12 noon at City Hall.

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Mayor Crabtree stated that there will be a resolution on the agenda for September allowing an electronic payment agreement for the City.

Alderman Easley asked if the City and Water Department would consider some type of agreement to remove the old water tower located off N. Curtis. This water tower has not been in service for many years and needs to be removed. The Mayor and Water Supt. will look into this matter and report back to the Council at a later date.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk