

Pea Ridge City Council  
Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2020

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 17, 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, Jessie Fryer, Jack Wassman, Kevin Felgenhauer, Justin Lawson, Mike Seay, Eli Seay, Karen Sherman and Starla Billington.

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 Ahart to approve the minutes of the February 18, 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 Guthrie seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 664 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 664, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF HAZELTON HEIGHTS PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS: THE DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS THEREIN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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: 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 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; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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 Ordinance Number 663, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE  
SECTION 15.04.06.J.4

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance 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; 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 Ordinance Number 665, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE  
SECTION 10.08

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Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance 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 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; 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: 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.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to transfer \$80,000 from Impact Fees to City General to pay off the Equity Bank Loan Number 270033584 for the City Hall Building. This will pay off the note 17 months early saving the City approximately \$3,000 in interest. 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.

Mayor Crabtree presented the 2019 State of the City Address in compliance with ACA 14-58-302. The report included the year-end financial report for all City Departments and a list of numerous projects that were completed during 2019. One special project was a generous offer from a landowner to the City making it possible to purchase over 6 acres on North Curtis across from the Post Office. In honor of this individual the area will be named "Gaines Park." See complete report attached.

Two Ordinances were distributed for Council review for possible sales tax increase. A Special Council Meeting is being considered for March 30, 2020.

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

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Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

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Sandy Button, City Clerk