

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2019

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Scott Stewart, Lynn Hahn, Derry Camp, Sharon Camp, Annette Beard, Starla Billington, Jack Wassman, Sue Elverston, Shane Henson, Bob Cottingham, Sue Cottingham, Judy Holmes and Jim Erwin.

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 September 17, 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.

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

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 651 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 651, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY
TO THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES TO
BE EXTENDED TO SAID AREA; AND ASSIGNING SUCH TO WARDS

Alderman Guthrie, 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.

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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.

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.

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.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman presented two bids for the Lifepak 15 heart monitor as listed below:

Integris Equipment, Elma, NY	\$ 18,450 plus Tax
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Cardio Partners, Chicago, IL	\$ 18,350 plus Tax
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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to accept the bid from Cardio Partners, Chicago, IL in the amount of \$18,350.00 plus tax. This unit has a one-year warranty and comes with AC power charger and right-angle cable. 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 discussed a resolution for approving clothing allowance. The State auditors asked this be approved for clothing allowances that have been part of the City's benefits for approximately 20 years. Several question concerning the accountability of this allowance were addressed. The Council decided to approve this allowance for 2019 and discuss it further at the Committee of the Whole meeting for the 2020 Budget.

After the discussion Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 430, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING CLOTHING ALLOWANCES (2019)

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to approve Resolution Number 430 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 429, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BIRTHDAY OF
MARTIN LUTHER KING JR AS A CITY HOLIDAY**

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Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Ealey to approve Resolution Number 429 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.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to change the minimum amount for the recording of fixed assets from \$2,500 to \$5,000. 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 Ahart, 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

The second reading of Ordinance Number 652 will be at the Regular November 19, 2019 Council Meeting.

On a recommendation from Street Supt. Nathan See, Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Ahart to purchase from the State Purchasing Contract a new 2020 Ford F350 4x4 for approximately \$47,585.00. 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 Easley asked that this vehicle be undercoated to protect it from the chemicals we use during snow and ice maintenance.

Street Supt. See request approval to surplus one vehicle as listed below:

2004 Chev. Silverado 3500 1GBJC34U44E303774 Purchased 4-24-2004

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to surplus one Street Department vehicle; a 2004 Chev. Silverado 3500. 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.

Street Supt. Nathan See stated over 4,000 people attended the 31st Annual Pea Ridge Mule Jump. There were over 60 vendors and 41 mules this year. He thanked all the volunteers for making this event such a success. The Council thanked Nathan for his dedication and hard work to make this a success each year.

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Street Supt. See stated they had 31 dumpsters with 82 tons of bulk items from the Annual Fall Clean Up. The Council complimented the Street Department on the great job they did on the fall cleanup for the City.

Supt. See also complimented and thanked the Street Department employees for the additional work they did during the recent rains.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, to approve a bill from the Arkansas Municipal League for the AML Service Charge in the amount of \$40.00 and the Municipal Legal Defense Program in the amount of \$16,779.00 and the MLDP-CDL employee Drug Testing Program in the amount of \$958.80. The total amount due for these three services is \$17,777.80. 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 Council set the date of October 29, 2019, at 3:00 p.m. for a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the 2020 Budget.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk