

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
September 15, 2020

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 15, 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, Council members Ginger Larsen, 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, Nick Larsen, Annette Beard, Shellie Jo Enscoe, Scott Angel, Jesse Fryer, Shane Henson, Stephanie Henson, Alex Blevins, Kathy Ward, Jared Powell, Clayton Bass, Tiffany Keene, Riley Heasley, Bayleigh Bass, Gabbie Fletcher, Brandy Bass, Josh Bass, Merrill White, Lisa Tolan, Chris Hunt, Tony Byars, Alex Wright, Greg Wright, Dawn Fryer, Jared Powell and Julie Sheets.

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 offered condolences to the family of Shirley Harris who passed away this week. He further stated the City's appreciation to Shirley and her husband Roger for their many years of service to the Pea Ridge Ambulance Department.

Mayor Crabtree stated eleven applicants had filed for the City Council position and five applicants for the Planning Commission position. Since the filing date one applicant had withdrew his application – Austin Horton. Listed below are the applicants and positions:

Julie Sheets – City Council and Planning Commission
Anthony Byars – City Council and Planning Commission
Austin Horton – City Council and Planning Commission
Jessica Ferguson – Planning Commission
Jessie Fryer – City Council
Lisa Tolan – City Council
Shellie Jo Enscoe - City Council and Planning Commission
Lonnie Harrell – City Council
Scott Angel - City Council and Planning Commission
Merrill White – City Council
Ginger Larsen – City Council
Chris Olson – City Council

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Three of the applicants were not available to attend tonight's meeting: Chris Olson, Lonnie Harrell and Jessica Ferguson. All the other applicants were given three minutes to address the Council.

At 7:15 p.m. the Council adjourned into executive session to discuss the City Council and Planning Commission applicants.

The Council readjoined at 7:40 p.m. Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to appoint Ginger Larsen to fill the unexpired term of Alderman Matt Ahart on the City Council. This term will expire December 31, 2022. 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 moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to appoint Anthony Byars to fill the unexpired term of Jason Palik on the Planning Commission. This term will expire December 31, 2024. 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 administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Alderman Ginger Larsen.

Mayor Crabtree administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Planning Commissioner Anthony Byars.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve the minutes of the August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 450, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION BY THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY AND BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS, FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 450 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 447, 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 moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 447 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Jack Wassman presented five firemen to the Council who had recently completed the Fireman 1 and 2 Program. The five firemen are Chris Hunt, Alex Blevins, Shane Hensen, Ryley Heasley and Clayton Bass. Ryley Heasley was presented with a plaque for valedictorian of the class.

Fire Chief Wassman thanked CR Crawford for their contribution towards a turnout gear for the Fire Department. He also thanked Arvest Bank for their contribution towards four sets of turnout gear.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 451, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR
SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PEA RIDGE AMBULANCE SERVICE**

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 451 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Police Chief Lynn Hahn addressed the Council on proactive matters the Police Department introduced in September, 2019. This policy on Crisis Intervention includes recognition of mental illness, de-escalation techniques and procedures on dealing with mentally ill subjects. Chief Hahn mandates every police officer attend a class on Behavioral Health and Crisis Intervention at the University of Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute. In addition, three officers went to a more advanced school and became certified Crisis Intervention Officers and two officers are trained Hostage/Crisis Negotiators. What this means for our community is that more people are getting the medical or psychiatric help they need instead of going to jail.

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Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 448, 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 Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to approve Resolution Number 448 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Chief Hahn requested Council approval to surplus the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria and the 2011 Chevrolet Impala police cars that are no longer feasible or safe for use in the Police Department. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to surplus the 2009 Ford Crown Victoria and the 2011 Chevrolet Impala police cars as requested. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen 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 Wastewater Treatment Plant. Supt. Hayes stated October 27, 2020 as the scheduled date of completion.

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman Easley, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 682 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 682 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 610 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 21, 2017, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$5,600,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND DECLARING AN AMERGENCY.

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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: Ginger Larsen 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 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: Ginger Larsen 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: Ginger Larsen 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 Easley seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 683 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 683 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 625
ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 4, 2018, AUTHORIZING THE
ISSUANCE OF A WATER AND SEWER REVENUE BOND IN
THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF \$2,470,000 FOR THE
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF
BETTERMENTS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE
WASTEWATER SYSTEM OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE,
ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR THE PAYMENT OF
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BOND; PRESCRIBING
OTHER MATTERS RELATING THERETO; AND
DECLARING AN AMERGENCY.

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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 449, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO LEVY AD VALOREM TAXES OF THE CITY OF
PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 449 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the Deed of Right-of-Way for Robert Perrin at 816 Weston Street, Parcel #13-00340-000. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Ray Easley voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council set Thursday, November 5th at 3:30 p.m. for a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss budgets. All department heads will attend to answer questions concerning their budgets.

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Other announcements, the Annual Fall Clean-Up will start Monday, September 21st. Council members received a draft ordinance for a single serve trash hauler, this will be discussed at the October 20th Regular Meeting. The City has been granted the Walton Family Tree Grant again this year, trees will be distributed October 22 and 23, 2020.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk