

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
December 29, 2020

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, December 29, 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 (virtual). Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See (virtual), Annette Beard, Lynn Hahn, Nick Larsen, Michael Lisenbee, Jack Wassman, Jennifer Fagan, Ken Hayes, Starla Billington and David Meints.

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 Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve the minutes of the November 17, 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.

The Council discussed the Solid Waste Services Agreement. Several questions were addressed to Jennifer Fagan with Republic Services of Bella Vista Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services. Only one bid was received for this service agreement from Republic Services of Bella Vista Solid Waste and Recycling Collection Services.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 457, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING BID AND AUTHORIZING THE AWARD OF CONTRACT, CONTINGENT UPON THE PARTIES AGREEING TO CONTRACT TERMS, FOR SOLID WASTE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 457 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 nay. Motion passed.

Water/Wastewater Supt Ken Hayes updated the Council on the Treatment Plant project stating they are scheduled to start up on January 11, 2021. At this time, they have ninety days of liquidated damages that will be charged to the contractor.

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Supt. Hayes also explained to the Council that they will need to do some research into the cost and disposing of the sludge that will be generated by this plant.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 700, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL
CODE, SECTION 10.08.12 PUMP MAINTENANCE
CHARGES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The second reading of Ordinance Number 700 will be at the Regular City Council Meeting, Tuesday, January 19, 2021. There will be a Public Hearing prior to the Council Meeting at 7 p.m. to address the issue of Ordinance Number 700.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 456, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A SUPPLEMENT TO THE PEA RIDGE WATER
UTILITIES FACILITIES MANUAL

Alderwoman Larsen moved, seconded by Alderman Easley to accept Resolution Number 456 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 Guthrie seconded by Alderman Easley, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 695 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 695 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION
4.28, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, 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.

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Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Easley, 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.

Alderwoman Larsen seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 696 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 696 by title only, 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 Alderwoman Larsen, 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 Guthrie, 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: Ginger Larsen 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.

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Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 699 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 699 by title only, 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 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: 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 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: Ginger Larsen 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.

Alderman Guthrie seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 697 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 697 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 WINTER PARK PARTNERS LLC FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-2).

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Alderman Larsen, 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Larsen, 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.

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 Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 698 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 698 by title only, which is entitled:

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

Alderman Larsen, 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Larsen, 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.

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Alderwoman Larsen, 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.

The 2020 Amended Budget was presented with the total receipts/expenditures for each department effected as follows:

CITY GENERAL	\$4,781,020.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	670,100.00
IMPACT FEES	305,000.00
LIBRARY	101,190.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	837,600.00
STREET FUND	225,000.00
	\$6,919,910.00

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 453, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE BUDGET FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY OF
PEA RIDGE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2020

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 453 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.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 454, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING AN ATTORNEY FOR THE
CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS

Alderman Easley moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 454 as read. 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 Resolution Number 455, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CITY PROSECUTING
FOR THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS

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Alderwoman Larsen moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 455 as read. 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.

The Council discussed a cost of living increase for all City employees. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to give all employees 2% increase per year. 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 thanked Alderman Easley for his years of dedication to the City on the Pea Ridge City Council and many other City projects.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk