

Pea Ridge City Council  
Regular Meeting  
February 23, 2021

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Room at the City Hall Administration Building. This meeting was postponed one week from February 16, 202, due to snow and ice on that date.

Those present were: Mayor Jackie Crabtree, City Clerk Sandy Button, Council Members Ginger Larsen, Merrill White, Steve Guthrie, and Cody Keene. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Lynn Hahn, Jack Wassman, Ken Hayes, David Meints, David Eaton, Angie Jennings, Todd Cornwell, Stephanie Henson, Shane Henson, Nick Larsen, Kevin Felgenhauer and Janelle Jessen.

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 thanked all employees who responded and worked many extra hours last week during the snow and ice storm.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2021, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

David Eaton, CPA Audit Manager, Przybysz Associates, CPAs, P.C., presented the Audited Financial Statements December 31, 2019, for the City of Pea Ridge Waterworks and Sewer System. Mr. Eaton stated that they found no material violations. He stated the audit was very good with no findings. Alderwoman Larsen moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to accept this audit as presented. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Water/Wastewater Supt Ken Hayes updated the Council on the Treatment Plant Project stating they started the new plant up on February 5<sup>th</sup>. There were a few weather issues last week during the snow and ice storm, but everything is up and running now.

The Council discussed the Sewer Department's need to address the 20-30 years of municipal sludge that is stored in two lagoons at the Treatment Plant. In addition to that sludge they need to cost-effectively plan for the continuing municipal sludge that is being generated and stored each day.

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Alderman Keene seconded by Alderwoman Larson, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 705 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 705 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE  
BIDDING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White 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 White, 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; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Larsen, 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; Merrill White 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 461, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ENTER  
INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH MCCLELLAND CONSULTING ENGINEERS, INC.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve Resolution Number 461. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman White, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 702 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 702 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 AND ZONING TERRITORY.

Alderman Keene, 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; Merrill White 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; Merrill White 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 703, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING FEES FOR LIFT ASSIST SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PEA RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, 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: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White 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 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; Merrill White 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 Resolution Number 460, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE GRANT APPLICATION STAFFING FOR  
ADEQUATE FIRE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE (SAFER) GRANT PROGRAM)

Alderman White moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve Resolution Number 460. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council discussed Ordinance 704, amending the Hazardous and Dangerous Animal Ordinance. Alderman White suggested the council discuss this Ordinance further in a Committee of the Whole meeting. It was decided to put this Ordinance on its first reading tonight and discuss it at a Committee of the Whole meeting then the second reading will be at the March 16<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Keene seconded by Alderwoman Larson, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 704 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 704 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL  
CODE SECTIONS 6.04 DOGS AND SECTION 6.08 OTHER  
ANIMALS AND FOWL; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The second reading of this ordinance will be at the Regular Meeting Tuesday, March 16, 2021.

Street Supt. Nathan See discussed the Street Overlay Project for 2021. The streets to be overlaid are Henry Little Circle and Lee Town Drive. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to advertise for bids the Street Overlay Project for 2021. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steven Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Supt. See also explained the Pea Ridge, Arkansas 2020 Pavement Conditions and Distress Book that was included in the Council Packet. This book was prepared by Firststep Pavement Management to develop an accurate map of all maintained roadways within our City Limits and showing the condition of each.

Mayor Crabtree stated the 2021 Annual Spring Clean Up dates will be April 7, - April 9, 2021, from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m. and April 10, 2021, from 7 a.m. - 12 p.m. Dumpsters will be located at the City Property behind TH Rogers Lumber Company. 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, compressed gas cylinders, car batteries, fire extinguishers, washers and dryers, electronic waste, air conditioners and refrigerators (if Freon has been removed by certified technician) compressors (will be accepted as separate items), fluorescent bulbs, cleaners (water based), chemicals, oil, oil filters, car tires (4 per household), anti-freeze, aerosols, flammable liquids and solids, pesticides, etc.

Supt. See stated that the Street Department employees worked over 300 man hours and approximately \$7,000 was spend during the snow and ice storm last week. He thanked his employees for their dedication and service.

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

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Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

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Sandy Button, City Clerk