

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
April 20, 2021

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2021, 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, Merrill White, and Cody Keene. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry. Absent was Council Member Steven Guthrie.

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Lynn Hahn, Tammy Hahn, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Annette Beard, Jack Wassman, Todd Cornwell, Rich Fordham. Tim Conklin, Jesse Fryer, Michael Lisenbee, Justin Lawson, and Brian Stamps.

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 Alderwoman Larsen to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2021, Public Hearing – Copp Property, March 16, 2021 Public Hearing – Pump Maintenance Charges, and March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Police Chief Lynn Hahn presented Life Saving Awards to Brian Stamps which involved a car fire rescue in November 2020 and Justin Lawson which involved an overdose rescue from March 2021. Both officers were commended for their heroic actions.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman White, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 706 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 706 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

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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; 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 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; 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 462, which is entitled:

APPROVING THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE MASTER STREET PLAN

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve Resolution Number 462. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 463, which is entitled:

APPROVING THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLAN

Alderman White moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 463. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 464, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE OFFERING OF BONDS BY THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS TO REFUND CERTAIN OUTSTANDING BONDS SECURED BY REVENUES OF THE CITY'S WATER AND SEWER SYSTEM; AND PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO.

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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve Resolution Number 464. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council and Kevin Faught, with Stephens and Associates, discussed the options for a new 1% local sales and use tax within the City of Pea Ridge at a special election. The election will be called for August 10, 2021. There will be two ballot questions that the voters will be asked to approve.

1. To authorize the adoption of a new 1% sales and use tax. While the bonds are outstanding, the sales tax collections not needed for the bond debt service will be split among three City departments. 45% will go to the Police and 45% will go to the Fire Department with the remaining 10% to fund the Street Department. After the bonds are paid off, the new tax will be split evenly between the police, fire and street departments with each department getting 1/3 of the tax.
2. To authorize the issuance of up to \$5.8 million in bonds for street projects including any curb and gutter and drainage improvements, utility adjustments and related sidewalks.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to proceed with the ballot issue as described above. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted nay; Merrill White voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk