

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
August 17, 2021

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, August 17, 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, Steve Guthrie, and Cody Keene. Also, present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Nathan See, Lynn Hahn, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Annette Beard, Stephanie Henson, Jared Powell, Shane Henson, Nadine Telgemeier. Boyd McNeil, Ronnie Foster, Charlotte Foster, Mike Adams, Fred Johnson and Doug Sperber.

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 July 20, 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.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 468, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE QUORUM COURT OF BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS RESOLUTION R-2021-19 REQUESTING A SECTION OF ARKANSAS HWY 72 BE NAMED "OFFICER KEVIN APPLE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 468. 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.

Mike Adams and Fred Johnson explained to the Council a proposal to swap property on Slack Street to make an appropriately sized commercial lot. The City currently owns land behind Mr. Johnson's property and to the East of his property. The proposal would be to exchange the land behind Mr. Johnson's property (approximately .10 acres) to the City for (approximately .39 acres) of the City's property to the East of his property. The City would have to obtain an appraisal of which Mr. Johnson has agreed to pay half of the cost. After determining the value of the land Mr. Johnson has agreed to pay fair market value for the difference in the amount of land traded. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to proceed with obtaining the necessary appraisal. 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.

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Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 721 by title only. 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.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 721 by title only, which is entitled:

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

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: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve 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; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye.

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; 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 469, 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.

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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 469. 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 Council discussed the current Fireworks Ordinance. They also reviewed the Pea Ridge Police Department fireworks complaints for both 2020 and 2021. In 2020 there were 13 complaints from June 21, 2020 to July 13, 2020. In 2021 there were 10 complaints from June 25, 2020 to July 9, 2020. This discussion will continue at the regular meeting October 19, 2021.

The Council discussed the Annual Fall Cleanup and the limb and yard waste dump site on Greer Street. The new contract with Republic Services allows bulk pickup weekly so the annual cleanup is no longer necessary. The Greer Street limb and yard waste dump site will soon become the parking lot for the new Baker-Hayes Bike Trail so we will have to discontinue using this site as a limb and yard waste dump. Alderwoman moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to discontinue the Fall Cleanup, and close the limb and yard waste dump site. 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.

Street Supt. Nathan See discussed the Peck Road Bridge Project. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to advertise for bids the Peck Road Bridge Project. 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 moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk