

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
July 20, 2021

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

Others present were: Tony Townsend, Nathan See, Lynn Hahn, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Annette Beard, Kevin Felgenhauer, Jason Bowman, Mike See, Eli See, Julie Pond, Stephanie Henson, Al Fowler, Michael Lisenbee, Jarod Powell, Shane Henson, J. C. Beaver, David Eaton, Kathy Ward, John Hicks, Damon Keith, Todd Cornwell, Lyndsey Stamps, Angie Jennings, Mike Hale, Shawn Campbell, Kinley Miller, Elizabeth Villines, Jeff Elkins and Tim Salmonson.

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 Alderman Guthrie to approve the minutes of the June 15, 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 stated his condolences and heartfelt sympathy to the Pea Ridge Police Department and the family of Officer Kevin Apple. He also thanked the community of Pea Ridge for their love and support during this terrible time.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 467, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION HONORING PEA RIDGE POLICE OFFICER KEVIN APPLE,
RETIRING PEA RIDGE POLICE BADGE #1212 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to approve Resolution Number 467. 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 a Proclamation proclaiming December 12th in the City of Pea Ridge from this day forward as Office Kevin Dale Apple #1212 Remembrance Day.

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On a recommendation from Mayor Crabtree, Alderman Larsen moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to appoint Jarod Powell as full time Pea Ridge Fire Chief. Answering a question from Alderman White, Mayor Crabtree stated that he will be full time with Pea Ridge and full time with Bella Vista. 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, 2020 and 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 a clean opinion with no findings.

Alderwoman Larsen, seconded by Alderman White, 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 AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 14,
THE OFFICIAL ZONING ATLAS MAP OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS,
TO REZONE CERTAIN LAND BELONGING TO KINLEY AND JERRI MILLER
FROM AGRICULTUAL (A) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-3).

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; 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 White stated that he has researched this project at great lengths since the February reapplication. He further stated that he had talked to both Jeff Hawkins and City Attorney Shane Perry concerning the legality of bringing this rezone request back to the City in less than one year after it was previously denied. Also concerning the fact that the reapplication had no changes from the previous application.

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; Merrill White voted nay; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted nay. Motion failed.

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Alderman Keene seconded by Alderman White, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 723 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 723 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF ARLINGTON
PHASE 1B SUBDIVISION PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:
THE DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS AND OTHER
PUBLIC WAYS THEREIN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 Keene, 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 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.

Alderman White thanked the Police Department, Fire Department, City employees and the Pea Ridge Community for stepping up and supporting our town in the last few weeks during the horrific tragedy with Officer Kevin Apple's death.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk