

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
November 16, 2021

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 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, Annette Beard, Stephanie Henson, Shane Henson, Jared Powell, Tony Townsend, Kevin Felgenhauer, McKenna Bagley, Ben Osoweicki, Matt Sitton, Brian Armas, Alex Wright, Riley Heasley, Barry Williams, Ashlynn Andregg, Zach Bush, Quinn Gehler, Dylan Jump, Caleb Light and Mike See.

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 October 19, 2021, Regular Meeting with one change as noted by Alderman Larsen on page 4. 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.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 737 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 737 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 14.-8.01, TITLED "WATER RATES;
SPECIAL ASSESSMENT"; 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; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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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, 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 nay; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted nay; and Jackie Crabtree 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 Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 739 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 739 by title only, which is entitled:

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

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; 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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.

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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 Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to accept the Public Assets (water main, sewer main, lift station and easements) for Avalon Subdivision. 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.

Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 738 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 738 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL
CODE SECTION 11.05, TITLED "LARGE SCALE
DEVELOPMENT", AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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; 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.

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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 Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 740 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 740 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF PEA RIDGE COMMONS
PHASE I, PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:
THE DEDICATION OF UTILITIES, UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS AND
OTHER PUBLIC WAYS THEREIN.

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, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, 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.

The 2022 Budget was presented with the Total Receipts/Expenditures for each department as follows:

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ARPA FUND ACCOUNT	\$1,283,442.00
BOND ACCOUNT	50,000.00
CITY GENERAL	4,997,213.00
CITY PARK	188,050.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT	1,106,500.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACT 833	25,000.00
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT	8,000.00
IMPACT FEES	600,000.00
LIBRARY	67,910.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT	1,414,000.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	999,000.00
STREET FUND	500,000.00
UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS	20,000.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	3,282,000.00
TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT	\$14,541,115.00

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 472, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR OPERATION OF THE CITY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to approve Resolution Number 472 as read. 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.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to pay the current council members \$200 per meeting attended and the Planning Commission members \$175 per meeting attended in 2021. 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.

This Council discussed adding pay for Committee of the Whole Meetings for council members for 2022.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve end of the year merit awards in the amount of \$500.00 for full time employees and \$250.00 for part time employees. 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 a special Council Meeting will be set for Thursday, December 2, at 7:00 p.m. for the Street Bond Ordinance.

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Mayor Crabtree stated the regular December Council Meeting will be Monday, December 27, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk