

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
February 15, 2022

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 15, 2022 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, Annette Beard, Stephanie Henson, Shane Henson, Jared Powell, Nick Larsen, Tony Townsend, Ken Hayes, Ronnie Clements, David Welch, and Alex Wright.

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 January 18, 2022, 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.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 750 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 750 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 WILLOW RUN PARTNERS, INC.
FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-3)

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.

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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 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; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye.

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 Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 752 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 752 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 SHIMIZU FARMS LLC
FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-1) TO COMMERCIAL (C-1)

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 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.

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.

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Fire Chief Jared Powell explained changes to the Employee Manual for the Fire Department. Ordinance Number 748 will be presented at the March Regular Meeting to approve these changes.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 753 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 753 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF ELKHORN RIDGE SUBDIVISION, PHASE V, 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; 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.

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 stated that one bid was received on the roof repair to the Pea Ridge Community Library as listed below:

Quality Assurance Roofing, Mulberry, AR 72947	\$ 34,436.37
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Several questions were asked concerning this bid, particularly in regards to the bond, warranty, and references for the company. Alderman Keene moved to table this approval. Alderman Keene withdrew his motion. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to allow the Mayor to approve this bid contingent on due diligence in receiving three competent commercial references for this company. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Merrill White voted nay; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted nay; and Mayor Jackie Crabtree voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 754 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 754 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ABOLISHING THE PARKS AND
RECREATION COMMISSION; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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 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.

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 476, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINALIZED BENTON COUNTY HAZARD
MITIGATION PLAN; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwomen Larsen to approve Resolution Number 476 as presented. 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.

On a recommendation from Mayor Crabtree, Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to reappoint Karen Sherman to a 5-year term on the Pea Ridge Planning Commission. 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 that there is one open seat on the Planning Commission. Persons interested in serving on the Planning Commission should submit a resume to the Pea Ridge City Hall for consideration.

Street Supt. Nathan See asked for approval to advertise for the 2022 Street Projects. This project will include Weston Street, Hall Drive, and It'll Do Road. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to advertise for the 2022 Street Projects. 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 and Council members highly praised the Street Department for the amazing job they did clearing the roads during the recent snowstorms.

Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 477, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO PETITION THE ARKANSAS COMMISSIONER
OF STATE LANDS

Alderman White moved, seconded by Aldermen Keene to approve Resolution Number 477 as presented. 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 set Monday, February 28th at 4 pm for a Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss the ARPA Funds and leasing of City vehicles.

Mayor Crabtree announced that he will not be seeking reelection for next year. This will be his last term.

Alderman White asked if the old water tower on North Curtis Ave. could be refurbished or if we should consider removing the tower from the property. The tower is no longer in service, and there have been some complaints on the condition of the tower. No action was taken at this time.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk