

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
March 15, 2022

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 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, Jared Powell, Nick Larsen, Tony Townsend, Ken Hayes, Tom Seay, Deloris Munyak, Dan Cole, Dylan Jump, Mike Seay, Dustin Phy, Sierra Phy, Alex Ho 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 February 15, 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 755 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 755 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 TMS PROJECTS, INC.
FROM AGRICULTURAL (A-1) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-2)

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 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 White, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 756 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 756 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE CHANGING REAL ESTATE IN THE CITY OF PEA
RIDGE, ARKANSAS, FROM IT'S PRESENT ZONING CLASSIFICATION
OF 1-AGRICULTURAL TO R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL.

Alderman White, 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 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.

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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Mayor Crabtree read Resolution Number 478, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT, FOR PURPOSES OF COMPENSATING WITH PREMIUM PAY THOSE ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY WHO PREFORMED ESSENTIAL WORK DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

Alderman White moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve Resolution Number 478 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.

Alderwoman Larsen asked that when changes or additions are made to the council agenda that they be sent to the council as soon as possible.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 748 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 748 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND PERSONNEL POLICIES, CHAPTERS 1, 4, AND 5, TO ADDRESS FULL TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE PEA RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT; AND FOR OTHE 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.

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.

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Fire Chief Jared Powell requested approval to advertise for SCBA equipment including but not limited to 20 air packs. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to advertise for the SCBA equipment. 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. A special meeting will be set to approve the bids.

Fire Chief Jared Powell requested approval to advertise for 11 sets of bunker gear. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to advertise for the bunker gear. 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.

Police Chief Lynn Hahn requested approval to advertise for 6 Dodge Durango police vehicles. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to advertise for the police vehicles. 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. A special meeting will be set to approve the bids.

Street Supt. Nathan See requested approval to purchase a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 regular cab 4x4 from the State Purchasing Program for \$27,117. This new truck will go to the Building Department and the Street Department will buy the 2019 Dodge Ram from the Building Department for \$10,000. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to purchase a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 from the State Purchasing Program for \$27,117 and sell the Building Department's 2019 Dodge Ram to the Street Department for \$10,000. 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.

Water/Sewer Supt. Ken Hayes explained to the Council necessary infrastructure upgrades needed to pump station one located on Sugar Creek Road and pump station two located on Ryan Road.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 757 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 757 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE
BIDDING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 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 White, 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.

Street Supt. Nathan See stated that 5 bids were received for the It'll Do Road Drainage Improvements Project. Our engineers, McClelland Consulting Engineers, Inc., has recommended the following bid:

Hessling Construction, Inc., Dexter, MO	\$488,497.45
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Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to accept the bid for the It'll Do Road Drainage Improvements Project in the amount of \$488,497.45. 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 he had verified the references for the Library Roof Project and approved the project to proceed.

Mayor Crabtree presented the 2021 State of the City Address in compliance with ACA 14-58-302. The report included the year-end financial report for all City Departments and a list of numerous projects that were completed during 2021. The Census Bureau reported our population at 6559. June 26, 2021 was a day we will never forget – the day Officer Kevin Apple was killed in the line of duty. This tragedy affected our entire community. The outpouring of love and support continues today. See complete report attached.

The Mayor set a Special Meeting for Tuesday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to approve bids for the Fire Department bunker gear equipment and SCBA equipment and to approve bids for the Police Department vehicles.

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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