

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
March 29, 2022

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Special Meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 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,

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.

Mayor Crabtree stated the purpose of the meeting was to open and approve bids for the following:

- a. Six Durango Pursuit Vehicles AWD for the Police Department
- b. Eleven Sets of Bunker Gear
- c. 20 Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus

Mayor Crabtree stated that one bid was received for the six Durango Pursuit Vehicles AWD for the Police Department as listed below:

Superior Automotive Group, Siloam Springs, AR \$ 219,030.00

Alderman Larsen moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to accept the bid for six Durango pursuit vehicles AWD from Superior Automotive Group in Siloam Springs, AR. 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 Hahn stated that five of these vehicles will be purchased with ARPA Funds and one will come from the 2022 Budget equipment line item.

Fire Chief Powell clarified a statement made at the last Regular Council Meeting concerning bunker gear. Presently eight of the twelve new full-time employees do not have bunker gear. This is why the need is immediate.

Mayor Crabtree stated that two bids were received for the eleven sets of Bunker Gear for the Fire Department as listed below:

EVS, Conway, AR \$ 32,071.04
Casco, Shreveport, LA \$ 42,152.00

Chief Powell explained the need for this equipment as soon as possible and the time frame for EVS is six months compared to Casco availability of 3 months. He further stated this was a safety issue for the employees. The time frame was not stated in the specifications for the bids. City Clerk Button will clarify with the State Auditor if the higher bid can be accepted because of the necessity of getting this equipment as soon as possible. Alderman White moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to accept the bid from Casco, Shreveport, LA in the amount of \$42,152.00 plus applicable tax if approved by State Audit to do so, if not to approve the bid from EVS, Conway, AR. in the amount of \$32,071.04 plus applicable tax. 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 two bids were received for twenty air-pak SCBA (2018 edition) for the Fire Department as listed below:

EVS, Conway, AR \$ 198,421.23
Casco, Shreveport, LA \$ 223,213.00

Alderman Larsen moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to accept the bid for twenty air-pak SCBA (2018 edition) from EVS, Conway, AR in the amount of \$198,421.23 plus applicable tax. 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 distributed information to the council members for three alternative redistricting plans for City Council Wards. This information is for the council members to review and consider for the next regular Council Meeting April 19th.

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

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk