

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
July 19, 2022

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, July 19 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, Nick Larsen, Tony Townsend, Ken Hayes,Carolyn Wendel, Karen Sherman, Annette Beard, Shane Henson, Greg Pickens, Tom Seay, Mike Seay, Eli Seay, Lynn Hahn, Bob Cottingham, Sue Cottingham, Dustin Phy, Jesse Fulcher, Taylor Lindley, and Curtis Snow.

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 21, 2022, Public Hearing and the June 21, 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.

Water-Wastewater Superintendent Ken Hayes stated that one bid had been received for the Otter Creek Sewer Basin Project as listed below:

Seven Valleys Construction Co., Inc., Cassville, MO	\$714,960.00
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Supt. Hayes asked that the decision on the bid be tabled at this time. A Special Meeting will be scheduled to address the Otter Creek Sewer Basin Project.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 768 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 768 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 14.04.03 BY RE-ZONING CERTAIN LANDS FROM
A TO C-2, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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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.

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 White, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 769 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 769 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF WALNUT HILL
PHASE 1 SUBDIVISION PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS:
THE DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS ANOTHER
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.

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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.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 770 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 770 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF SEDONA ROSE PHASE 1
SUBDIVISION PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS: THE DEDICATION
OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS ANOTHER 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 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 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.

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Police Chief Hahn requested authorization to surplus and donate the 2008 Dodge Durango. This vehicle is being donated to the City of Strong, Arkansas. It is being transferred to the City of Strong without any warranties of any kind, including without limitations, any implied warranties or implied warranties of merchantability of fitness for a particular purpose. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, to surplus and donate the 2008 Dodge Durango to the City of Strong, Arkansas. 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.

Street Superintendent Nathan See explained an agreement with Earthplan Design Alternatives for the Peck Road Box Culvert Repair V Project. This project is located along Peck Road within the Big Sugar Golf Community. The project encompasses developing a plan to repair damages sustained to the infrastructure on and surrounding the box culvert crossing Little Sugar Creek. The roadway was damaged by the flooding that occurred in May, 2022. In addition, work will include designing improvements to mitigate potential damage in future events. The total amount of the engineering services for this project is \$28,120.00. Alderman White moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the engineering agreement with Earthplan Design Alternatives for the Peck Road Box Culvert Repair V Project. 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.

City Attorney Shane Perry explained that Mayor Crabtree would not be seeking reelection at the end of the year and the Council needed to address his retirement benefits for budget reasons. He stated that he is entitled to one-half his last term salary for the remainder of his life. Mayor Crabtree is requesting one-half his last term salary and continuation of health insurance either paid by himself or the City. This matter was tabled for further review.

The Council discussed Ordinance Number 771 setting the salary of the Mayor for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to set the salary for the Mayor for the term January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2026 at \$75,000.00. 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 aye. Motion passed.

Mayor Crabtree read Ordinance Number 771, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2.24.03 OF THE
PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE SETTING THE SALARY
OF THE MAYOR.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance 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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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 moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Jackie Crabtree, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk