

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
March 21, 2023

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at the City Hall Administration Building.

Those present were: Mayor Nathan See, City Clerk Sandy Button, Council Members Ginger Larsen, Nadine Telgemeier, Merrill White, Cody Keene, and Jeff Neil. Absent were City Attorney Shane Perry and Council Member Steven Guthrie.

Others present were: Annette Beard, Clint Bowen, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Tony Townsend, Bob Cottingham, Jessica Grady, Jesse Fryer, Ben Osowiecki, Dylan Jump, Caleb Light, James Koch, Tom Hannah, Lannie Harrell, Lynn Hahn, Dawn Fryer, Dustin Phy, Paul Ovuoba, Allison Harrison, Charles Snyder, Ryley Heasley, Brandon Johnson, Monte Keene and Karen Sherman.

Mayor Nathan See called the meeting to order.

Mayor Nathan See opened the meeting in prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: Paul Ovuoba spoke to the Council concerning the potential changes that the Library is facing. He is specifically concerned about the funding for the Library and reorganization of the management. Mayor See assured Mr. Ovuoba that the City will continue to fund the Pea Ridge Community Library. Additionally, the management and oversight of the City Library will be directed as any other City Department.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, Regular Meeting and the February 21, 2023 Public Hearing. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Clint Bowen addressed the Council concerning advertising for repairs to the Fire Department parking lot. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to advertise for bids for repairs to the Fire Department parking lot. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Clint Bowen also addressed the Council concerning advertising for a new ambulance for the Fire Department. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to advertise for a new ambulance for the Fire Department. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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Fire Chief Clint Bowen explained a new SOP for the Fire Department entitled Job Description and Promotion.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 500 which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES OF THE PEA RIDGE FIRE DEPARTMENT AS PROMULGATED BY THE PEA RIDGE FIRE CHIEF; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to approve Resolution Number 500 as read with the emergency clause. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Southern Brothers Construction - Hazelton Road Apartments, presented water and sewer assets to be dedicated to the City of Pea Ridge as listed below:

Water:

8-inch C900 PVC Water Main and Fittings	\$ 43,435.00
Fire Hydrant Assembly	20,000.00
Meter Settings with Service Connections	1,500.00
8' x 8" TS & GV	3,000.00

Sewer:

8" PVC Sanitary Sewer	55,215.00
Concrete Manhole	42,000.00
Sanitary Sewer	2,000.00

Total \$167,150.00

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to accept the Hazelton Road Apartments asset dedication in the amount of \$167,150.00 The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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Water and Sewer Supt. Ken Hayes presented the following 14 Permanent Easement and Right of Way Grants to the Council for approval:

Ratsachak, Boulton & Ratsachak	18-07429-005
Ratsachak, Boulton & Ratsachak	18-07429-003
Daraseng	18-07429-001
Walden	18-07426-004
Pea Ridge Commons, LLC	Lot 8
Diaz	18-05599-001
Keene	13-00034-000
Winter Park Partners, LLC	.11 Acres
Angel, Morris & Flood	13-00029-001
Johnson	18-05599-003
White	13-00032-110
Sites	13-00032-002
Hernandez, Jr.	13-00032-000
Cordoza	13-00033-000

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to approve the 14 Permanent Easement and Right of Way Grants as listed above. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted abstained; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Concerning the Benton Washington Regional Public Water Authority rate increase request, Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Keene to have our representative, Water and Sewer Supt. Ken Hayes, vote nay on this rate increase request. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 501, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW VERSION OF THE PEA RIDGE WATER
UTILITIES FACILITIES MANUAL

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Telgemeier to approve Resolution Number 501 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor See read Resolution Number 498, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND POLICE CHIEF
TO ENTER INTO AN SRO AGREEMENT

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Telgemeier to approve Resolution Number 501 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to hire two new officers for the SRO positions that will begin with this new SRO Agreement. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 499, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTHWEST ARKANSAS REGIONAL BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN AND ADOPTING THE INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN ENCOMPASSED BY THE CITY'S PLANNING AREA FOR THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE.

Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman White to approve Resolution Number 499 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Neil, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 790 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 790 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ARKANSAS PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ("APERS")

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Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman White, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor See put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor See 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 See then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman White, seconded by Alderwoman Neil, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor See on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil 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 White moved, seconded by Alderwoman Telgemeier to advertise for bids to refurbish the old water tower on North Curtis Avenue. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Neil, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 789 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 789 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE PEA
RIDGE CITY LIBRARY AS A DEPARTMENT OF
THE CITY; ABOLISHING THE CITY'S
STATUTORY LIBRARY ELECTION PURSUANT
TO ARK. CODE ANN. § 13-2-501 *et seq.*;
ABOLISHING THE LIBRARY BOARD OF
TRUSTEES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Neil, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor See put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.
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Mayor See stated the Library will fall under the City government body like all other City Departments.

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Mayor See presented the 2022 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 2022. The Census Bureau reported our population at 7,140. Mayor See stated the City's future is bright thanks to the dedicated service of everyone in all areas of the City, whether City Administration, City Staff, City Council, Planning Commission, and all City Departments. See complete report attached.

Mayor See stated that Alderman White was resigning his position due to his moving out of the City limits. He thanked Alderman White for his dedication and years of service to our City.

Applications and resumes for Ward 1, Position 1, will be accepted at the City Hall and a new Alderman will be appointed at the Regular April 18, 2023, Council Meeting.

Mayor See and the City expressed condolences to the Rogers Fire Department and the family of Shawn Treat who passed away yesterday.

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

Nathan See, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk