

Pea Ridge City Council  
Regular Meeting  
September 19, 2023

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 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, Matt Blood, Steve Guthrie, and Jeff Neil. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry. Absent was Council Member Cody Keene.

Others present were: Annette Beard, Ken Hayes, Clint Bowman, Sheila Wilkerson, Nick Larsen, Lynn Hahn, Jessica Grady, Todd Butler, Dustin Phy, Bobby Morison and Jody Morrison.

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: None

Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council discussed the asset dedication for Today's Bank in the amount of \$43,202 for 3 sanitary sewer manholes and 171' of sanitary sewer lines. Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to approve this asset dedication for Today's Bank in the amount of \$43,202. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Neil, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 816 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 816 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARADES IN THE CITY  
OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS; AND FOR OTHER  
PURPOSES.

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Alderman Neil, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, 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; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Blood, 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; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie 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.

In reference to a request by Fire Chief Clint Bowen, Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to enforce the 2021 Fire Code pursuant to Ordinance 480 that was passed December 16, 2008. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Planning Director Jessica Grady explained an opportunity for the City to apply for a ULI Grant for green and open spaces. This is a 20% contribution from the City, which is \$50,000 of the \$250,000 grant. ULI Arkansas Foundation is part of an international philanthropic organization. The application for this grant will be presented in a resolution at the October Council Meeting.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 502, which is entitled:

**A RESOLUTION TO LEVY AD VOLEM TAXES OF THE CITY OF  
PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS**

Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve Resolution Number 502 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Neil, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 817 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor See read Ordinance Number 817 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 788 TO CORRECT A LEGAL DESCRIPTION FOR REZONING CERTAIN PROPERTY FROM AG TO R1

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Blood, 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; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie 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.

Alderwoman Larsen, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, 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; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie 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.

The Council discussed bringing the Pea Ridge Fair back beginning next year. All members agree this is a positive benefit to the community. The Mayor will go forward with plans for this fair and report back to the Council.

Announcements:

Tuesday, September 26, at 6:00 p.m. – Council Work Session

Saturday, October 14, at 9 a.m. – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Pea Ridge Mule Jump

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

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Nathan See, Mayor

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Sandy Button, City Clerk