

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
May 21, 2024

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 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 Cody Keene. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry. Absent was Jeff Neil.

Others present were: Annette Beard, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Al Fowler, Jasmine Johnson, Dustin Phy, Mike Seay, Lynn Hahn, Jessica Grady, Stephanie Henson, Monte Keene, Megan Brown, Kaleb Turner, Karen Sherman, Neal Nelson, Claire Wise and Sheila Wilkerson.

Mayor See called the meeting to order.

Alderman Keene opened the meeting in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: None

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2024, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen abstained; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; and Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 842 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 842 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF YORKTOWN PH2 SUBDIVISION, PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS; THE DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS THEREIN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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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 Keene, 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved that the Emergency Clause 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance and Emergency Clause adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved to introduce Resolution Number 529 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 529, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING THE WILLINGNESS OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE
TO UTILIZE FEDERAL-AID TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM
OR RECREATIONAL RAILS PROGRAM FUNDS.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 529 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Council discussed the bid for the City Park Amphitheater. Due to the fact that only one bid was received and it was higher than anticipated, Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Telgemeier to rebid this project. 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 847 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor See read Ordinance Number 847 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 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 Cody Keene 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 Keene, 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved that the Emergency Clause 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance and Emergency Clause 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 Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 846 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 846 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE ANNEXATION OF CERTAIN TERRITORY TO
THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, APPROVING THE SCHEDULE OF SERVICES TO BE
EXTENDED TO SAID AREA; AND ASSIGNING SUCH AREA TO A WARD

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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 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 Cody Keene 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 Cody Keene 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 530, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, CITY CLERK AND POLICE CHIEF TO ENTER INTO AN SRO AGREEMENT WITH THE PEA RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 530 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 848 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 848 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF COMPETITIVE BIDDING; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; 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 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 Cody Keene 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 Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved that the Emergency Clause 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance and Emergency Clause adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

Megan Brown, ULI stated 13 RFQ's for the Pea Ridge Open Space Master Plan. The top four RFQ's were:

Port, Philadelphia, PA and Chicago, IL
Crafton Tull, Rogers, AR
ISG, Rogers, AR
EDSA, Dallas, TX

Ms. Brown will set up interviews, via Zoom, with these firms so that the Council can decide which firm to hire for the Pea Ridge Open Space Master Plan.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 531, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO
PURCHASE PROPERTY AT 190 SMITH STREET

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 531 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 Cody Keene voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor See introduced Kaleb Turner, the new Parks and Recreation Director.

Announcements:

John Hicks Retirement Party - City Hall, May 24th at 1:00 p.m.

Earnest Bowman 100th Birthday Party - Autumn Place, May 27th at 10 a.m.

Clint Bowman Retirement – Rogers Fire Dept., May 28th and

Family and Friends – 2012 W. Sumac, Rogers, May 29th at 5 p.m.

Municipal League Conference – June 12th – 14th

Pea Ridge Fair – June 19th – 22nd

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

Nathan See, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk