

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
November 19, 2024

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, November 19, 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, Cody Keene and Jeff Neil. Also present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Sue Elverston, Roy Wade, Nick Larsen, Jasmine Johnson, Jacob Wagner, Shane Henson, Stephanie Henson, Michael Alldredge, Wendy Harding, Clint Bowen, Bobby Morrison, Jody Morrison, Dustin Phy, Lynn Hahn, Ken Hayes, Deloris Hayes, Karen Sherman, Monte Keene, Angie Jennings, Starla Billington, Tiffany Keene, Jamie Wagner, Jacob Wagner, Annette Beard, Kaleb Turner, Paul Hivey, Colin Black, Mike Hodges, Aaron Clark, Carrie Bertola, Ed Bertola, James Paul, Tom Hansen, Matt Sitton, Joshua Johnson and Sheila Wilkerson.

Mayor See called the meeting to order.

Mayor See opened the meeting in prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: Tom Hansen, resident of Summit Meadows spoke to the council with concerns about the traffic on Highway 72 and water and sewer expansion due to the extensive growth in our area. The Mayor and Council addressed these concerns and thanked Mr. Hansen for his interest in our community.

Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2024, 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Concerning the bids for the roof repair for Fire Department, Mayor See stated that due to an error in the bid process this item will be rebid for the Fire Department, Police Department and Street Department. The bid will now state that the roofs will be removed and replaced. The bids will be considered at the Regular Council Meeting, Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 864 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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Mayor See read Ordinance Number 864 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE
SECTION 14.04, ZONING ORDINANCE, TO ADD PLANNED ZONING
DISTRICTS AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larson, 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; 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 Neil, 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; 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.

Mayor See stated that interviews were conducted to vet the appointment of a construction manager for City Projects. The Committee recommended Nabholtz, Rogers, Arkansas, to this position. Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to appoint Nobholtz, Rogers, Arkansas, as Construction Manager for City Projects.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 867 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye, Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 867 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF WALNUT HILL PHASE 4
SUBDIVISION IN PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS: THE
DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS, AND OTHER PUBLIC
RIGHT OF WAYS THEREIN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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Alderman Keene, 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; 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 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Neil, 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil 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 Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 866 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye, Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Matt Blood voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 866 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 ASSIGNIN SUCH AREA TO A WARD

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; 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.

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Alderman Keene, 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; 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 Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Guthrie to approve the asset dedication in the amount of \$147,495.00 for Water Service and Sanitary Sewer for Pea Ridge Commons Phase 3. 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

The 2025 Budget was presented with the Total Receipts/Expenditures for each department as follows:

BOND ACCOUNT	\$ 50,000.00
CITY GENERAL	11,960,792.00
CITY PARK	353,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT ACT 833	30,000.00
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT	12,000.00
IMPACT FEES	1,348,000.00
LIBRARY	87,100.00
NEW 1% SALES TAX	1,800,000.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT	1,536,000.00
SEWER IMPACT FEES	509,000.00
STREET DEPARTMENT	1,507,000.00
STREET FUND	900,000.00
UNDERCOVER OPERATIONS	20,000.00
WATER DEPARTMENT	3,803,000.00
WATER IMPACT FEES	241,500.00
TOTAL BUDGET AMOUNT	\$24,157,392.00

Mayor See read Resolution Number 543, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR
OPERATION OF THE CITY FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025.

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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 543 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to pay the current council members \$200 per meeting attended and the Planning Commission members \$175 per meeting attended in 2024. 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve end of the year merit awards in the net amount of \$1,500.00 for full time employees and \$1,000.00 for part time employees. 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to approve an end of the year merit award in the net amount of \$5,000.00 for Mayor Nathan See. 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Announcements:

Thank you to all who participated in the Public Engagement Meeting.

The Holiday Market on November 9th was a success.

Thank you to all who attended the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast and the Tip a Cop events.

Upcoming Events:

The Beta Alpha and City of Pea Ridge Annual Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be Saturday, December 7th at 5:30 p.m. The parade will start at Equity Bank and run down Curtis ending in the downtown area.

The Regular Council Meeting for December will be Tuesday, December 17th at 6 p.m.

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

Nathan See, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk