

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
October 15, 2024

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 15, 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, Veronica Guzman, Jacob Wagner, Shane Henson, Stephanie Henson, Michael Alldredge, Wendy Harding, Clint Bowen, Bobby Morrison, Jody Morrison, Dustin Phy, Lynn Hahn, Ken Hayes, Kyle Rodgers, Karen Sherman and Monte Keene

Mayor See called the meeting to order.

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

Public Comments: None

Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve the minutes of the September 17, 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.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 862 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 862 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING OF PROPERTY WITH THE CURRENT ADDRESS OF 10558 ANDY BUCK ROAD., PEA RIDGE ARKANSAS, 72751 (PARCEL NO. 18-07851-004) AND LEGAL DESCRIPTION IN SECTION 1 FROM A (AGRICULTURE) TO R1 (RESIDENTIAL 1)

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.

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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 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 Guthrie, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 863 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 863 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

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; 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 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.

Mayor See stated that one bid was received for the Recycled Asphalt with Cement Stabilization for Washburn and Benton Drive as listed below:

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Pavecon LTD., Cave Springs, AR

\$ 483,264.00

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to accept the bid from Pavecon LTD., in the amount of \$483,264.00. 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 moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to Advertise for bids for Carr Street Improvements. 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 539, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC.
TASK ORDER 052641.010 FOR SERVICES RELATED TO
ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK MAINTENANCE

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 539 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 approve a bill from the Arkansas Municipal League for the AML Service Charge in the amount of \$40.00 and the Municipal Legal Defense Program in the amount of \$12,134.15. Regarding the MLDP-CDL employee Drug Testing Program, CDL testing will continue to be included in the MLDP dues, but the Optional Non-CDL Drug Testing Program will not be offered or administered through MLDP in 2024. The total amount due for these two services is \$12,174.15. The amount last year was \$12,174.15. 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 Guthrie to raise the water rates by .25 cents per 1,000 gallons per the Benton/Washington County Two Ton Water Authority water rate increase effective 1-1-2025. 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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Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to amend the minutes of September 17, 2024, to \$40,580.00 to purchase a 2024 RAM SSV Crew Cab Classis 4X4 from the State Purchasing Program for the Water Dept. purchased last month instead of \$39,000.00. 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 approve four Permanent Easements and Right-of-Way Grants as listed below:

Bassham Trust – Parcel # 18-05615-000 – 13313 E. AR 72 HWY.
Miser Revocable Trust – Parcel # 18-05614-000 – 14617 E. AR 72 HWY.
James Cameron – Parcel # 18-05617-000 – 13103 E. AR 72 HWY.
Arnold Trust – Parcel # 18-05643-001 – E. HWY. 72 & Miser Rd.

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 Guthrie to advertise for bids for Hwy 94/Pickens Road Sidewalk Connection 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to advertise for bids for Roof Repairs for Police Department and Fire Department. 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 540, 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 Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 540 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.

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Mayor See read Ordinance Number 865, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE REPEALING PEA RIDGE
MUNICIPAL CODE 11.16.03

Alderman Neil, 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; 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.

The Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the 2024 Budget will be Tuesday, November 12, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. Department heads will be asked to attend this meeting to answer any questions concerning their individual budget.

Announcements: Mayor See thanked all the department heads, employees and volunteers that helped to make the 35th Annual Mule Jump a complete success. An estimated 4,000 people attended this year. Sue Elverston stated that 41 mules competed in this year's events and there were 91 vendor booths.

Upcoming Events: The Fall Tree Giveaway will be at 9 a.m., Friday October 18th.

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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