Pea Ridge City Council Regular Meeting September 17, 2024

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, September 17, 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: Michael Alldredge, Annette Beard, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Jake Wagner, Sue Elverston, Jessica Grady, Josh Johnson, Lynn Hahn, Jacob Wagner, Clint Bowen, Karen Sherman, Boyd McNeil, John Langham, Roy Wade, Mary Durand, Margaret Cheek and Wendy Harding.

Mayor See called the meeting to order.

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

Public Comments: Boyd McNeil asked the Council to explain the process for waiving competitive bidding on purchases.

Alderman Guthrie moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve the minutes of the August 20, 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 859 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 859 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE UPDATING THE PEA RIDGE POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

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 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; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil 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; 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 Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 858 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 858 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF WELLINGTON HILLS PHASE II SUBDIVISION PEA RIDGE, BENTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS: THE DEDICATION OF UTILITY EASEMENTS, STREETS AND OTHER PUBLIC WAYS THEREIN; AND DECLARING AN EMERGECY.

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.

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; 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 860 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.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 860 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING THAT SANDY BUTTON, CITY CLERK TREASURER, MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE AS A CITY EMPLOYEE DURING HER TERM IN OFFICE.

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 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.

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; 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 moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to accept the asset dedication from Storage World on Slack Street as presented. 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 accept the asset dedication from Pea Ride Pointe & Addition on W. Pickens Road as presented. 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 534, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO CONTRACT WITH PLACER LABS, INC.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve Resolution Number 534 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 Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to advertise for RFQ for a Construction Manager for City building projects. 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 Keene to advertise for bids for recycled asphalt with cement stabilization for Washburn Steet & Benton Drive. 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 Blood, moved to introduce Resolution Number 535 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 535 by tile only, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION TO PROCEED WITH HALFF ASSOCIATES, INC. TASK ORDER 052641.011 FOR SERVICES RELATED TO ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TANK DESIGN

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 535 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 purchase a 2024 RAM SSV Crew Cab Classis 4X4 from the State Purchasing Program for the Water/Sewer Department in the amount 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 537, which is entitled:

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

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 537 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 Neil, seconded by Alderwoman Blood, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 861 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.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 861 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 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; 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.

Alderwoman Larsen, 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 536, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE MAXIMUM LAWFUL SPEED IN THE SCHOOL ZONE ON WESTON STREET

Alderman Neil moved, seconded by Alderman Blood to approve Resolution Number 536 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.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 538, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTON AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO ACCEPT THE INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND GRANT FROM THE WALTON FAMILY FOUNDATION, INC.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to approve Resolution Number 538 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.

Announcements:

Welcome New Hires: Fire Chief - Clint Bowen Active Transportation Coordinator - Joshua Johnson

Upcoming Events:

9-21-24 – NWA Emergency Preparedness Fair, Centerton 10-12-24 – 35th Annual Pea Ridge Mule Jump

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

Nathan See, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk