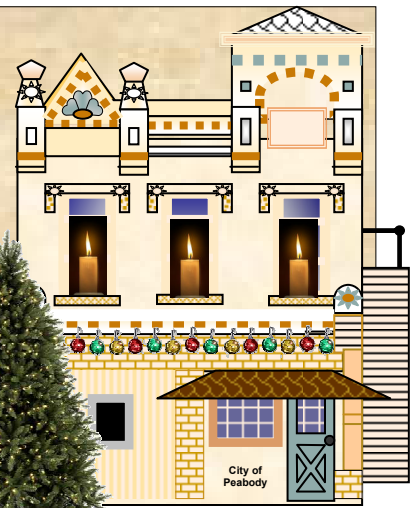


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City Council:

Stephen Rose, President
Tom Schmidt
Pam Lamborn
Janice Woodruff
Jimmy Philpott

Mayor:

Larry Larsen

Council Meeting

Schedule:

Regular Council Meetings:
7:00 p.m.

Monday December 14, 2009
Monday December 28, 2009

All meetings are open to the
public.

City Council Committees:

Water - Rose

Streets & Alleys
Lamborn & Woodruff

Sanitation - Larsen & Woodruff

Lights - Lamborn & Rose

Fire - Schmidt & Rose

Park & Swimming Pool -
Schmidt & Lamborn

Building - Larsen & Woodruff

Finance & Ordinance -
Schmidt &

Economic Development
Larsen & Schmidt

WATER PROBLEMS PROGRAM

The City has started a special reporting and monitoring system in an attempt to gather data that will help us try and pinpoint the exact cause and location of problems within our water distribution system. The two main problems that have been identified to date are 1) being below standard levels of pH and 2) chlorine residuals. We are trying to determine the cause for these two problems which could be non-toxic bacteria growth or improper cross-connection from a private well system. Contributing factors also include reduction of water consumption in specific portions of the system, inadequate turn-over of water, numerous dead-end lines, and a system well beyond its anticipated life expectancy. In efforts to accumulate all the data possible, **we urge all citizens/consumers that are experiencing quality of water issues (discoloration, odor, taste) to report the issues directly to City Hall for recording purposes.** Ask to speak to Stephanie Ax.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES IN A SECOND

October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting

- Motion carried to donate \$50.00 to the annual Marion County Toy Run.
- Motion carried to award the bid for upgrading the City of Peabody's web site to iGov.
- In Schmidt's and Manning's opinion, the city can not afford to purchase the Cummins 60 GGHE Generator for the public works building at this time.
- The adoption of Ordinance 08-2009 rescinding the requirement for licensing cats in the City of Peabody, died for a lack of a second.
- Manning requested that the council set up a working session to review the City of Peabody's personnel rules and regulations.
- Marler reported that the PMSA/ POPPS Sleepy Creek concerts were a success and they had raised \$500.00 towards a new public restroom.
- Mayor Larsen reported that 911 N. Sycamore was demolished by USD No. 398 last week and the site was cleaned up and looked good.
- Rose stated that there was a huge pot hole by the city park gate on Locust that needs to be fixed.
- Philpott reported that the trash trucks were still not using the center of the roadway and utilizing the whole length of their mechanical arm.
- Woodruff stated she had another vendor, Innovated Graphics in Hutchinson, for the safety film for the windows at the new police station.





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SERVICES**
AVAILABLE TO OUR
CITIZENS

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OUTGOING
\$.10 per page INCOMING

Black & White COPIES

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available

NOTARY SERVICES

Free of charge during office
hours.



Scheduled shut off day
for this month is Monday,
December 28, 2009



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October 12, 2009 (cont.)

- Mayor Larsen reported he had met with Mr. Baker and had discussed the possible uses of his buildings. He stated that Baker had indicated that he would keep the carpet warehouse here in Peabody for the near future. He indicated that he would be open to renting the remaining buildings for enough to cover taxes and repairs.
- The Economic Development Committee is working on a separate sign for businesses to post their signs or information.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

October 26, 2009 Regular Meeting

- Ed Slocombe stated that he thought the City should do something to improve the entrances to the city by mowing the following areas: Ninth and Peabody; Ninth and Maple; Ninth and Prairie Lawn Road. He also stated that the ditch at 5th and Elm need to be cleaned out to allow the storm water to flow down Elm Street.
- Motion carried to waive the Hub's city utility bill until January 1, 2010 and further to request the Economic Development Committee to review and recommend how to deal with future requests from 501-(c3) not-for-profit organizations.
- Greg Jones, Peabody / Burns Recreation Commission, reported to the council about the status of the outdoor volleyball court that was recently constructed at the southeast corner of 2nd and Locust.
- The next Recreation Commission project planned is the construction of a 40 foot by 70 foot concrete multi-purpose area.
- Mayor Larsen reviewed a memo prepared by the City Administrator concerning the cost of reading meters by the public work's crew versus contracting with an individual to read the meters. Schmidt suggested that the Administrator prepare an RFQ covering the contracting of this service for the council to review at the November 9, 2009 council meeting. They also requested the public works superintendent to prepare a list of pros and cons concerning this proposal for the November 30, 2009 council meeting.
- Pickens reported that the concrete box culverts for the Fifth Street bridge project are ready to be shipped. However, Marion County will not be able to work on the project for about one month.
- Motion carried to authorize Chief Burke to attend the Prescription Drug Abuse and Diversion Investigations training course in Marysville on December 17, 2009.
- Motion carried to award the bid for a 2010 police patrol car to Midway Motors, Hillsboro, for a 2010 Crown Victoria Police car in the amount of \$19,516.00.
- Whiteside reminded the council that we would be holding public hearings on 907 and 909 N. Vine at the November 9th council meeting.
- Manning reported that he was working with Sarah Steel of Gilmore and Bell and Mark Defter, DeWay Financial on getting together the necessary legal paperwork in order to issue the \$200,000 in general obligation bonds. He also advised the council because of an IRS ruling we may have to issue taxable bonds because the city did not discuss the possibility of issuing bonds when they first discussed the mercury removal from the old treatment plant.

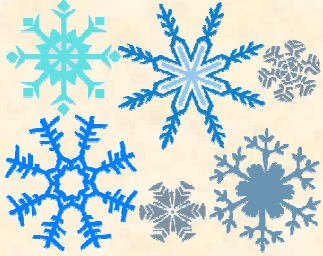




UPCOMING EVENT

SUNDAY
AFTERNOON
JANUARY 31, 2010

PRAIRIE
PASTTIMES TOUR



Enjoy recreated events throughout the complex in the Morgan House, barn, Peabody Township Library and Peabody Museum.

Quilt Show
Square Dancing
Music

& Celebration of the re-opening of the Ann Potter Room

October 26, 2009 (cont.)

- Manning advised the council that he had made contact with the Kansas Rural Water Association about applying for a grant to digitize the water and sewer maps. The grant would pay about 85 percent of the cost of this work.
- Mayor Larsen reported that the Economic Development Committee would be meeting on Tuesday, November 3, at 6:00 pm in the council room.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:45 p.m.



2010 Pet Tags



HAVE ARRIVED

Available for sale as of December 1st, 2009

HELP
CURB
STREET
DAMAGE



BY PLACING YOUR REFUSE CONTAINER JUST PAST THE EDGE OF THE CURB, YOU WILL BE DOING YOUR PART TO HELP PROTECT PEABODY STREETS FROM DAMAGE THAT MAY BE CAUSED BY HEAVY TRUCK TRAFFIC



CITY OFFICE
WILL BE CLOSED

Friday, December 25th
Christmas Day
and
Friday, January 1st
New Year's Day

2010 RATE INCREASES

As of January 1, 2010 please be advised that the flat rate for sewer charges will increase by \$2.50.

As of January 1, 2010 residential trash service will increase \$.25 per container.





**HOLIDAY
REFUSE
COLLECTION
SCHEDULE**



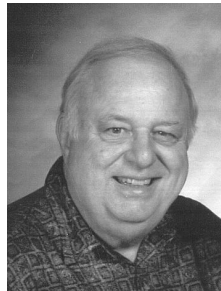
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Collection for
Friday, December
25th**

**Has been
rescheduled to
Saturday, December
26th**

AND

**Scheduled Refuse
Collection for
Friday, January 1st**

**Has been
rescheduled to
Saturday, January
2nd**



Fiction & Fact

Poor Mac's Almanac



This will be a monthly column in the "City Newsletter" by Mac D. Manning, City Administrator/Clerk for the City of Peabody. The purpose of this column is to give the straight facts about the street talk and gossip concerning things that are happening in the City.

I see the City is sponsoring "Peabody Bucks" and the "Peabody Shopping Spree" again this year. With Baker's over in Newton, there is no place to shop in downtown Peabody, why waste all the time and money?

Did you say your middle name was Scrooge? First of all, the "Peabody Bucks and the "Peabody Shopping Spree" are both sponsored by the Peabody Main Street group, not the City of Peabody. Many merchants and organizations have contributed toward the prize money for the shopping spree. There are plenty of places in Peabody to shop and when you shop here it helps both merchants and the City. You should come downtown on December 5th and enjoy the Hometown Holiday celebration. There will be carriage rides around the city and all sorts of other activities to enjoy. While you are looking for something to do, why don't you attend a holiday program at the Peabody schools.

Postscript:

I would encourage all of us to remember this is a season of giving and not just receiving. There are many families in the community that have suffered job loss and will be spending the holidays with very little. Remember the food bank sponsored by the local churches. When you are shopping, pick up a couple extra cans of food and donate them to the food bank (Peabody Christian Church @ Division & Sycamore). Maybe even adopt a family for Christmas. May I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year.

