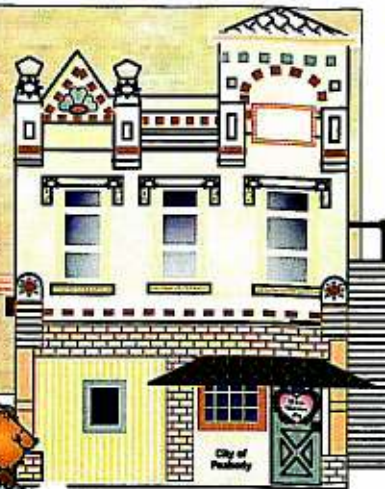


# City of Peabody

## MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2010



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**City Council:**

Stephen Rose, President  
Tom Schmidt  
Pam Lamborn  
Janice Woodruff  
David Scott  
**Mayor:**  
Larry Larsen

**Council Meeting  
Schedule:**

Regular Council Meetings:  
7:00 p.m.  
Monday, February 8, 2010  
Monday February 22, 2010  
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 & Scott

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

#### December 14, 2009 Regular Meeting

- The evening opened with two budget hearings.
- Motion carried to approve the amendment to the Special Streets and Highway fund of the 2009 budget.
- Motion carried to approve the amendment to the General Fund of the 2010 Budget.
- The budget hearings adjourned at 7:10 p.m.
- Motion carried to approve check journal 2009 12A in the amount of \$102,657.98.
- Norm Claassen thanked the council for changing the vehicle ordinance.
- Motion carried to adopt the Business Incentive Policy to be effective January 1, 2010.
- Motion carried to approve the renewal of the retail cereal malt beverage license for Christie N. McBride d.b.a. as the Peabody Bowling Alley for 2010.
- Motion carried to approve the renewal of the retail cereal malt beverage license for IFR, Inc. d.b.a. the Peabody Market for 2010.
- Motion carried to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Mac Manning was invited. The council returned from executive session at 7:30 p.m. There was no motion made, no action taken.



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Scheduled shut off day  
for this month is  
**THURSDAY,  
FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>**



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**December 14, 2009 (cont.)**

- Sheri Hilger of Hilger Insurance Agency advised the council of the proposed premium cost for the health insurance for full-time employees beginning February 1, 2010. Schmidt stated his committee would look at these proposals and report back to the council in early January.
- Mayor Larsen reported that he had been unsuccessful in finding a replacement for the vacant council seat.
- Manning reported the City had received a letter for the HUB, requesting a donation for the New Year's Eve event.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**

**December 28, 2009 Regular Meeting**

- Motion carried to approve check journal 2009 12B in the amount of \$23,457.83.
- Jim Rippe informed the council about the new wind turbine base plant that is scheduled to be built in Newton and that the plant was to employ 200 people the first year of operation and up to 400 when at full capacity.
- Greg Harrison, Allegiance Communications, William Heaton, Allegiance Communications, and Chris Beets, Allegiance Communications were present to answer several questions that had been posed to their company concerning the service level and future improvements to their system. They advised the council that Peabody was included in a grant application for federal stimulus funds. They also advised the council that they were working on solving the various problems with the cable system. They did not commit to any long-term improvements to the local system if Allegiance did not receive any federal stimulus funds. Finally, they stated that Allegiance would entertain any reasonable offer for the sale of the local cable system.
- Hank Yoder, Stutzman Refuse Disposal, Inc. addressed the Council concerning a new recycling program for Peabody. The new program, Single Stream Recycling, will involve providing a container for each resident participating in the program. The container would be a different color from the regular trash container. Each resident would be required to sign up before a container would be delivered. The new program would begin on January 22, 2010.
- Motion carried to adopt the Single Stream Recycling program and authorized the amending of the franchise agreement by modifying section "E" of Compensation and Fees paragraph by striking the wording "Residents will provide their own bags and containers".
- Motion carried to donate \$50 in Peabody Bucks to the HUB for their New Years Eve event.
- Motion carried to authorize Stephanie Ax to roll forward three vacation days to 2010.
- Motion carried to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and invited Mac Manning to attend. The council returned to regular meeting at 8:30 p.m.
- Motion carried to authorize Bruce Burke to roll forward 10 vacation days to 2010.
- Motion carried to authorize Chief Burke to attend the "Asset Forfeiture in Kansas" training on February 11, 2010 at the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson, Kansas .



## DON'T FORGET ABOUT ME!



### PET TAGS

Renewals of city licenses for pets were due during January 2010.

Citizens will now be charged a late fee of \$15 per animal license.

Those failing to acquire a city tag for their pet may be subject to a fine and court costs.



### December 28, 2009 (cont.)

- Motion carried to authorize Chief Burke to attend the "Search and Seizure Update" training on January 11, 2010 in Ellsworth, Kansas.
- Manning advised the Council that he would be send a letter to Baker Furniture concerning access to their buildings for meter reading and also the necessity of replacing the fire walls that had been removed. The Council directed Manning to contact the Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office about conducting an inspection of these vacant buildings.
- Councilperson Lamborn requested the Council to consider the repeal of the local Intangibles tax. She believes that this a very unfair tax as citizens are being taxed twice for any interest earnings. After discussion, the Administrator was directed to research the method of repealing this tax and report back to the Council at the January 11, 2010 council meeting.
- Mayor Larsen commended the council and employees for doing such a good job in meeting the budget limitations for 2009 .

Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.



**MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR NOW**

**SPRING CLEAN UP IS SCHEDULED FOR  
April 5 – April 10**

**The circus is coming  
to Peabody**

**May 26, 2010**

**Shows 5 & 7 p.m.**





## SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING REVIEW

### What you CAN place in your recycle cart

- Aluminum and tin beverage & food cans
- Plastic beverage, food & soap containers ( #1 - #7)  
This does not include bags
- Glass containers (food and beverage jars and bottles)
- Newspapers
- Magazines, junk mail, office paper, books, phone books, catalogs.
- Cardboard & paste board

**NO SHREDDED PAPER**  
**NO PLASTIC BAGS**  
**NO STYROFOAM**  
**NO HAZARDOUS CHEMICAL CONTAINERS**  
**NO PAINT CANS**



**CITY OFFICE**  
**will be open on**  
**President's Day**

**Monday**  
**February 15, 2010**



### *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.

*What was a Marion County crane doing over on 5<sup>th</sup> Street a couple of weeks ago?*

Did you notice that the bridge was replaced on 5<sup>th</sup> Street just west of Prairie Lawn Road? Marion County Highway Department very graciously helped the city crew install a new concrete culvert across the creek. This saved the taxpayers of Peabody several thousand dollars. The bridge had been closed for over one year and it was an inconvenience to the people living on the east side of town and also to school buses. The total cost of the bridge replacement is going to be around \$14,000. This was funded from the one-cent sales tax that was approved by the Peabody voters about two years ago. Along that same subject, the City is planning the 2010 road project and will be improving Locust Street from Third Street to Sixth Street and some curb and gutter replacement in the 900 block of North Walnut this summer. The City also received about \$65,000 dollars from the Union Pacific Railroad in conjunction with the closing of 7<sup>th</sup> and Plum. This money will be used to improve Plum Street from Second Street north to Eighth Street.

#### *Postscript:*

I am just amazed at the outpouring of support for the earthquake victims in Haiti. The generosity of all Americans, particularly during these very hard economic times is just unbelievable. My wife and I volunteered last weekend at the Kansas Coliseum to help package foods packets for the Haitian people. It was wonderful to see all of the people from all over Kansas and Oklahoma working together for this very worthy cause.



### **2010 LIEAP Program**

Call-Center Halstead  
1-800-432-0043



If you have received LIEAP assistance in the past, you might automatically receive 2010 information in the mail directly. If not, the City Office has a few LIEAP applications that can be filled out and mailed to Halstead. Or you can fill out an application online at [www.ks-energy-assistance.com](http://www.ks-energy-assistance.com). (The SRS office in Newton is no longer handling LIEAP.)