

# City of Peabody

## MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER



SEPTEMBER 2010

### Municipal Office

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Peabody, KS 66866

### Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.

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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 September 13, 2010  
Monday September 27, 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

Personnel  
Scott & Larsen

## 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

### July 13, 2010 Special Meeting – Budget Workshop

- The council discussed several things that could be done to reduce spending and directed staff to do the following:
  1. Public Works: All scheduled overtime to be taken as comp-time the following Friday.
  2. Go out for quotes for Health Insurance. We may have to look at changing from the 75-25 ratio.
  3. Eliminate the Mayor and Council's salary for the balance of 2010 and all of 2011.
  4. Shop for different quotes for general liability insurance.
  5. Analysis of telephone service to determine how to split charges.
  6. Have public works open up park gates on Saturday and Sunday mornings.
  7. Check on whether or not part-time seasonal help is eligible for unemployment payments.
  8. Have Beth Peter do an analysis of hours and lifeguards used for the swimming team.
  9. Establish charge for usage of utilities for concessions at the park.
  10. Do a survey of all streets lights in city. Are they necessary?
  11. Drop transfer from POPPS donation from \$5,000 to \$4,000.

The council reviewed each division of the General Fund budget and gave tentative approval to proposed General Fund budget for 2011.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.**



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AVAILABLE TO OUR  
CITIZENS**

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\$.10 page INCOMING

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10¢ per page, many sizes  
available

**NOTARY SERVICES**  
Free of charge during office  
hours.



Scheduled shut off day  
for this month is  
**MONDAY**  
**SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**



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[www.peabodyks.com](http://www.peabodyks.com)

**July 19, 2010 Special Meeting – Budget Workshop**

- The council reviewed each fund and requested the administrator carry out the following actions.
  - a. Place the policy on “Use of compensatory time off for scheduled overtime in the Public Works Department” for the July 26<sup>th</sup> council meeting agenda.
  - b. Review the necessity for a dedicated fax line for both the police and public works departments.
  - c. Analysis of the telephone lines for both the public works and police departments.
  - d. Review the uniform policy and report back to the council at the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - e. Do a spreadsheet analysis of the increase in revenues due to the increase in the sewer base rate.
  - f. Prepare ordinance for sewer base rate increase for the 26<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - g. Balance the water fund by not using a portion of the unallocated fund balance.
  - h. Review the water purchase agreement with the City of Hillsboro and determine how much notice is required when Hillsboro wants to increase the cost of water to Peabody.
  - i. Transfer surplus unallocated fund balance in refuse fund to capital improvement fund.
  - j. There is to be NO levy increase this year.
  - k. Prepare the final budget for council’s tentative adoption at the July 26 council meeting and authorization to publish the notice for the budget hearing.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.**

**July 26, 2010 – Regular Meeting**

- Motion carried to approve check journal 2010 7B in the amount of \$23,413.61.
- Jim Rippe addressed the council concerning the vacancies on the Peabody Planning Commission.
- Motion carried to authorize camping in the park during the softball tournament on August 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> 2010, provided the teams agree to clean up the park after their tournament.
- Motion carried to authorize a loan in the amount of \$842.17 for Bruce Burke to purchase his portion of past service credit from KPERS. The loan is to be repaid with a payroll deduction of \$40 per pay period.
- It was the unanimous opinion of the council not to consider ordinance # 04-2010 at this time regarding sewer base rates for residential and commercial contributors.
- Council and city staff spent many hours working of the 2011 budget. Manning explained revenue sources are flat coupled with the assessed valuation of the city had gone down approximately \$58,000. This necessitated very severe cuts in department budgets and the postponement of major capital purchases.
- Motion carried to set the 2011 budget hearing date for August 9, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the council room of City Hall located at 300 N. Walnut and to publicize notice of the hearing in the official city newspaper.
- Motion carried to amend Article G – Compensation 6, Overtime Provisions of the City of Peabody Personnel Policies and Guidelines, by adding a new paragraph dealing with the use of Compensatory Time for Scheduled Overtime.
- Motion carried to allow Chief Burke to apply for the following training seminars: Introduction to Intelligence for Law Enforcement, October 25 – October 28, 2010; Informant Development and Management, December 1-December 3, 2010; Criminal Patrol Tactics for the Rural Officer, February 1 – February 3, 2011; Interview and Interrogation, February 7 – February 11, 2011; and Conspiracies, February 23 – February 24, 2011.



1PM – 6 PM

1-4 years old	FREE
5-16 years old	\$1.50
17 years & up	\$2.00

**CLOSED**  
September 1,2,3

**OPEN**  
September 4,5

**LAST DAY OPEN  
THIS SEASON  
WILL BE**

**Monday September 6,  
2010 (Labor Day)**

**CITY OFFICE  
WILL BE CLOSED**

**MONDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>  
IN OBSERVANCE  
OF LABOR DAY**



**MOSQUITO  
SPRAYING  
SCHEDULE  
2010**

**September 1, 15, 29**

**October 13, 27**

All dates are tentative,  
pending weather  
conditions.  
If we get excessive  
rain,  
spraying may be more  
frequent.

**July 26, 2010 (cont.)**

- Motion carried to go into executive session at 7:48 pm for 15 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and also invited Mac Manning and Chief Burke. The governing body came out of executive session at 8:03 p.m.
- Motion carried to enter into executive session at 8:04 pm for 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and also invited Mac Manning and Chief Burke. The governing body came out of executive session at 8:09 p.m.
- Motion carried to offer the position of patrolman to Justin Weerts at a rate of \$13.00 per hour, with the provision that he must pass a background check, a physical, and psychological testing.
- Motion carried to enter into executive session at 8:12 pm for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and also invited Mac Manning and Chief Burke. The governing body returned to regular session at 8:22 p.m. No action was taken no motion was made.
- United Industries changed out the probe and parts on the synod valve of the chlorinator at the city pool. This solution only helped for a day as the problem recurred. Pickens estimated that the cost of a replacement chlorinator to be around \$2500.00.
- The swimming pool will close daily operations on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and be open only on weekends. The pool will formally close on Labor Day September 6, 2010.
- Motion carried to recommend to Mayor Larsen that council member Lamborn is appointed to the water committee.
- Councilman Rose announced that the water committee July 29<sup>th</sup> with the public works staff and city administrator to discuss what next steps will be taken in solving the water quality problem in the city.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:13 p.m.**

The 1 cent tax rate increase on water for commercial customers only, will appear in this month's September 1<sup>st</sup> utility bill which charges for water cycle July 15 – August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST  
MINUTE TO LOOK FOR ASSISTANCE!**

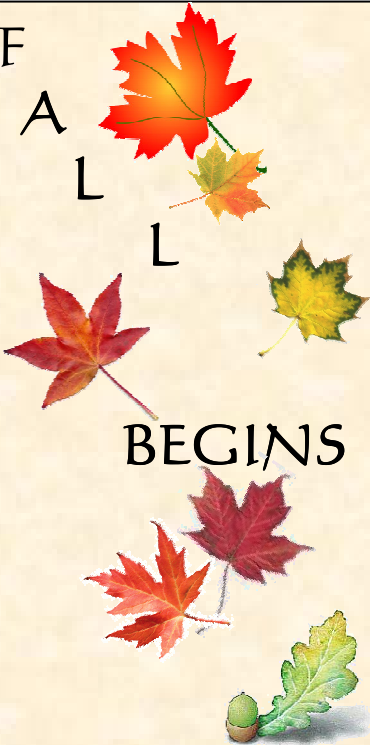
*Many families are going through tough times; jobs have been lost; unemployment benefits are used up; bills cannot be paid. Every month, homes are in danger of having basic utilities disconnected.*

*Before this happens to you, please visit the city office. Pick up a brochure to guide you to agencies that may be able to offer you assistance.*

*Stephanie*



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BEGINS

THURSDAY  
SEPTEMBER 23



**FALL CLEAN UP  
SCHEDULED FOR  
OCTOBER 18-23,  
2010**

**HAZARDOUS  
WASTE will be  
collected on  
Saturday, October  
23<sup>rd</sup>**



*Fiction & Fact*

*Poor Mac's Almanac*

This is 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 received a letter the other day from the city telling about a cross-connection survey they will be doing. What in the world is a cross-connection and how would I have one in my home?*

Plumbing cross-connections are defined as actual or potential connections between a potable and non-potable water supply that may contribute to the degradation of the quality of water inside your home or business. This poses a serious public health hazard. There are numerous, well-documented cases where cross-connections have been responsible for contamination of drinking water, and have resulted in the spread of disease. The problem is a dynamic one, because piping systems are continually being installed, altered, or extended. An unprotected or inadequately protected cross connection in the home could contaminate the drinking water supply not only in your building but also in neighboring homes or businesses. Backflows due to cross-connections are serious plumbing problems; and can cause sickness and even death. However, they can be avoided by the use of proper protection devices. A cross-connection is just what it sounds like, a cross-connection of your water supply from the city to another source of water. This could be a private well you have and is connected to your home water system. It also could be the garden hose that is the most common cross connection in the home. The water that flushes the toilet enters the tank at the bottom through a small hose. The float valve (or anti-siphon ball cock) inside the tank should be the correct type so that the contents of the tank does not get back into the drinking water in your home. City crews will be inspecting each residence and giving each homeowner a copy of the survey when they finish the inspection. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

**A PERSONAL NOTE:**

I want to thank all of you who sent cards and personal messages to me and my family recently upon the sudden death of my oldest grandson. Peabody is a very caring and supportive community. Thank You!