

City of Peabody

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER



DECEMBER 2010

Municipal Office

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Peabody, KS 66866

Hours of Operation

Monday – Friday
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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 December 13, 2010

Monday December 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

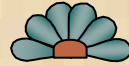
WATER PROBLEMS PROGRAM

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

October 11, 2010 Regular Meeting

- Motion carried to approve check journal 2010 10A in the amount of \$30,070.27.
- The council discussed options to moving parking from the west side of Vine to the east side – 500 block. Chief Burke, Mr. Gillen and a representative from Peabody Housing Authority will discuss for a solution.
- The council advised William Brew that they would not at this time give him an extension to move inoperable vehicles at 804 N. Elm. Mr. Brew is to meet with Chief Burke.
- Rex Savage, representing Windborne Energy, Inc. informed the council about the proposed Doyle North Wind Farm – proposed north and east of the City of Peabody. A special use permit hearing will be held in Marion on October 28, 2010 at the Marion County Court House. The project would be tax exempt and provision for in lieu of tax payments were being presented in the proposal to the county. Under the proposal, the City of Peabody would receive \$10,000.00 and the 4th Fire District would also receive \$10,000.00 annually.
- Motion carried to table consideration of Ordinance 14-2010 until the October 25, 2010 council meeting.
- Motion carried to authorize the City Administrator to sign a contract with Liquid Engineering for the inspection and cleaning of the clear well located in Hillsboro for the amount of \$2,640.00 and to also authorize the preparation of a written report for an additional \$250.00.
- Manning reported the city received a check in the amount of \$4,920.85 as FEMA and the State of Kansas 85% share of expenses for the June 4 2010 flash flooding.
- KMIT announced there would be an additional 2% savings on the 2011 Workmen's Compensation Insurance premium.



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for this month is
**MONDAY, DECEMBER
27TH**



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October 11, 2010 (cont.)

- Councilman Schmidt requested Manning place Beth Peter, Swimming Pool Manager, on the October 25 council agenda.
- Schmidt reported that the irrigation well at the city park was not working properly and could only pump water for approximately nine minutes.
- Woodruff suggested the administrator have Darren Pickens and Frank Woodruff work on the gutter and tuck pointing on the rear of City Hall.
- Motion to go into executive session at 8:15 p.m. for 30 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and invited Mac Manning to attend the session. The governing body came out of executive session at 8:45 p.m. There was no action taken.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

October 25, 2010 Regular Meeting

- Motion carried to approve check journal 2010 10B in the amount of \$37,223.73.
- Motion carried to authorize the donation of \$50 to the Marion County Toy Run.
- Chief Burke reviewed his monthly report with the council.
- Chief Burke met with William Brew and granted him a 30 day extension to get the trucks moved at 804 Elm.
- It was the recommendation of Chief Burke to paint a yellow no parking zone on the west side of Vine opposite the driveway to 508 N. Vine. The council concurred.
- Motion carried to authorize the purchase of a base radio system from TBS Electronics, Topeka, Kansas in the amount of \$4,141.00 to be billed in 2011.
- Darren Pickens advised the council that the irrigation well in the park had dropped production down to where it only pumps about 9 minutes before losing prime. He estimated it would cost about \$48 a foot to drill a new well.
- Pickens requested permission to buy two 55 gallon drums of oil– one of 10W30 for the vehicles at a cost of \$469; and one 10w40 diesel at a cost of \$476.75 for the tractors. The council referred it to the city administrator to find the funds for these purchases.
- Councilman Scott asked Beth Peter, Swimming Pool Manager if she could recommend any cut back in hours for the 2011 season? Peter stated we could open and close earlier on Saturdays and Sundays. Scott would like to see wages reduced by 10 percent for the upcoming year.
- Manning reported that Stutzman Refuse Disposal had been sold to Waste Connections.
- Manning advised the council that he had instituted purchase requisitions for all purchases over \$50.00 made by departments.
- Chief Burke requested a meeting be scheduled to discuss finishing up the police department facility. The council directed the administrator to meet with Burke and develop a list of priorities before calling a meeting.
- Motion carried to direct the city administrator to have each department conduct an inventory of both fixed and expendable items they have in their respective departments and to have this completed no later than November 29, 2010.
- Manning reported that Peabody Main Street Association won five awards at the Main Street Award Excellence meeting held in Hutchinson last week.
- Scott reported that he and Manning met October 12th and started discussions on updating the Personnel Policies and Code. The committee would bring these suggested changes to council in the very near future.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.





PEABODY



**HOLIDAY
SHOPPING SPREE
BEGINS
NOVEMBER 26**

**THRU
DECEMBER 22**

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EVERY \$10 YOU SPEND**

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BIKER BISTRO @ CONEBURG
CITY OF PEABODY
DON'S DRUGS
DUTTON TREE & HANDYMAN
FLINT HILLS GYPSIES
FOOD MART
GREENLEAF PRAIRIE LAWN CARE
JACK RABBIT HOLLOW
LEGACY PARK
MARSHALL AUCTION SERVICE
PEABODY AMERICAN LEGION
PEABODY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
PEABODY FARM SERVICE
PEABODY GAZETTE BULLETIN
PEABODY HARDWARE & LUMBER
PEABODY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
PEABODY LANES
PEABODY MAIN STREET
PEABODY MARKET
PEABODY SAUSAGE HOUSE
PEABODY STATE BANK
PEABODY VETERINARY CLINIC
PRETTY GOOD TWINE
SCISSOR COTTAGE
SHARON'S KORNER KITCHEN
SHIRLEY DAVIS MASSAGE
W.E. AVERY INSURANCE

GRAND PRIZE \$800.00
SECOND PRIZE \$400.00
THIRD PRIZE \$100.00
Drawing December 22 @ 2 p.m.

11/29/10

Message from the Mayor -

This time of year brings about many changes. Summer is over; fall was great; now winter is upon us. We have just had Thanksgiving with friends and family. Believe it or not, Christmas is soon upon us.

Please remember these things during winter: scrape your windows before you drive; let your car warm up a little before heading out; brick will ice-over before concrete or asphalt; and allow more time to stop before you get to the stop sign or corner.

The City Council has finished many objectives this year such as lowering the city tax by half a mill; repairing or replacing some streets; creating a long-range street replacement plan; putting down a better drive inside the city park; moving into the new city shop just to name a few. The city has worked with Peabody Main Street and Peabody Economic Development to bring high speed internet to the community. The city has worked with the Peabody Ministerial Alliance to buy three AED for the police cars. The POPPS group has put in new tear drop planting and improvements. The Recreation Commission has installed a volleyball court and nine-hole disc golf course in the city park. The council has many projects planned for the coming year and I believe we are the right road heading into our future.

Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

From the Mayor, City Council and city staff

Larry K. Larsen



**CITY OFFICE WILL
BE CLOSED ON
FRIDAY, DECEMBER
24TH IN
OBSERVANCE OF
THE CHRISTMAS
HOLIDAY**



TRASH & RECYCLING

**No changes in service
dates or times due to
holiday schedule in
December 2010**

**Trash and Recycling will
be collected on Friday,
December 24th.**

