City of Peabody

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER

February 2012

Municipal Office
300 N. Main Street
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
Tim Peterson
Mayor:
Larry Larsen

Council Meeting Schedule:
Regular Council Meetings:
7:00 p.m.
Monday, February 13
Monday, February 27
All meetings are open to the public.

City Council Committees:

Water - Rose & Lamborn

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

Personnel
Larsen

WATER PROBLEMS PROGRAM

The City has a special reporting and monitoring system 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.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES IN A SECOND

Regular Meeting December 12, 2011

- Motion carried to approve check journal 2011 12A as presented in the amount of $77,977.53.
- In response to housing code violations Archie Riggs stated he was in the process of trying to sell 803 N. Olive and two different buyers had backed out; stated that 806 N. Olive would probably be put up for sale in the spring of 2012.
- It was the consensus of the council to explore the possibility of buying 803 N. Olive and check with the fire department to see if they could burn the residence for training purposes.
- Ms. Dallke did not attend the meeting in regard to housing code violations.
- Motion carried to approve the renewal of the cereal malt beverage license for IFR Inc. d.b.a. Peabody Market.
- Motion carried to approve the renewal of the cereal malt beverage license for Foot Mart Midwest LLC d.b.a. Food Mart 101.
- Motion carried to accept and put on file the audit for the Housing Authority of the City of Peabody as of June 30, 2011.
- Motion carried to authorize the annual holiday gift of $100.00 for full-time employees and $50 for part-time employees.
- Motion carried to approve Resolution 004-2011 – A Resolution of Support for Public Housing Development which is required for the 2012 LIUHTC application for the Baker Lofts.
- Motion carried to authorize the Mayor to sign the Local Government Authority Agreement on behalf of the City of Peabody which states that since we are applying for Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the city will agree to refer all potential rental clients to the Baker Lofts management.

CITY OFFICE SERVICES
AVAILABLE TO OUR CITIZENS

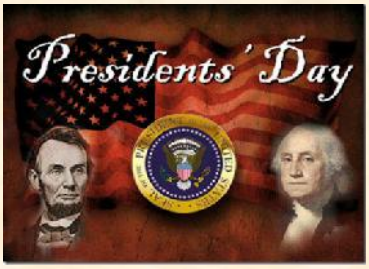
FAX
$1 PER PAGE – OUTGOING
$ .15 page INCOMING

Black & White COPIES
$.15/ per page, many sizes available; color $.35

NOTARY SERVICES
$.50 per service

Scheduled shut off day for this month is Monday, February 27

CITY OFFICE
OPEN



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December 12, 2011 (cont.)

- Administrator Manning advised the council that Allegiance Communications will increase their rates $3.00 per customer as of January 1, 2012.
- Street and Alley Committee reported they are looking at finishing Locust from 2nd Street south to the bridge with hot mix. The balance of Locust would have a double sealcoat application. They are also looking at the three blocks of Chestnut Street to possibly turn it back to a gravel roadway.
- As of December 12, Mayor Larsen has not been able to find a replacement candidate for council and he was open to receiving recommendations.

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Regular Meeting December 27, 2011

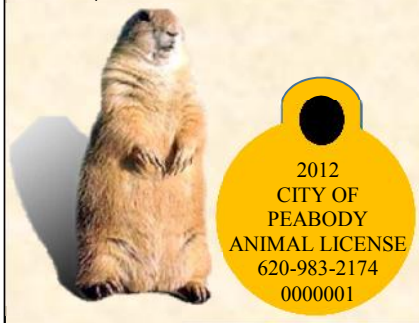
- Public Hearing was held for an amendment to the 2011 budget. Legal Notice was published in the Gazette on December 14, 2011.
- Manning outlined the proposed amendment to the General Fund from $650,475.00 to $700,200.00; Special Highway Fund from $141,000.00 to $161,000.00; Capital Improvement Fund from $107,000.00 to 130,000.00; Bond & Interest Fund from $80, 911.00 to $90,950.00; and the Refuse Fund from $69,050.00 to $77,000.00. Woodruff asked if there were adequate funds to cover these increases. Manning stated there was adequate cash to cover the increases.
- Motion carried to close the public hearing on the amendment to the 2011 budget.
- Motion carried to approve the corrected minutes from December 12, 2011. (Lamborn voted against the holiday gift for employees.)
- Motion carried to approve check journal No. 2011 12 B Payables in the amount of $35,322.33 less $12,000 inter-fund transfers, net $23,322.33.
- Elmer Carson, Jr. was not present at the meeting to discuss housing violations at 907 N. Vine.
- Motion carried to table council review of potential savings from removing alley lighting until the January 9, 2012 council meeting.
- Motion carried to approve the renewal of the Cereal Malt Beverage License for Mendoza's Restaurant for 2012.
- Motion carried to approve the adoption of Amendment # 2 to the 2011 budget.
- Motion carried to authorize a donation of $50 in Peabody Bucks to the HUB for their New Year's celebration.
- Mac Manning, City Administrator advised the council that the city had received a letter from the Marion County Board of Commissioners in regard to the city's request for the county to pay for the filing fee for obtaining an exemption on the City Park. They declined, but stated they would write a letter to the Court of Tax Appeals in support of the City's effort.
- Motion carried to direct the City Administrator to send a letter to State of Kansas Court of Tax Appeals requesting them to waive the $400.00 application fee. Also include a copy of the letter sent to Marion County.
- Motion carried to direct the City Administrator to negotiate with Mr. Riggs for the purchase of this residence at 803 N. Olive. Manning is authorized to pay up to $1,000 for the residence.
- Motion carried to authorize the following employees to carry over vacation time from 2011 to 2012:
  - Stephanie Ax 16 hours
  - Bruce Burke 56 hours – 16 hours to be used within the first 60 days of 2012 or lose the time.
  - Mac Manning 56 hours – 16 hours to be used within the first 60 days of 2012 or lose the time.
  - Justin Weerts 8 hours

PEABODY TOWNSHIP LIBRARY
will host a meeting Tuesday, March 6 p.m. to around 8:30 p.m. in the Ann Potter meeting room.

Carol Barta from NCKL will discuss coordinating Broadband Town Hall Meetings around the NCKL area. Stay posted for more details.

2012 Pet Tags

Deadline January 31, 2012 are still available with a $15 late fee attached



NEW HOURS PEABODY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC LIBRARY

Tuesday
9:00- 12:00 noon
& 3:00 – 8:00

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
2:00 – 5:00

Saturday 9:00 – 12:00 noon

620/983-2502
214 N. Walnut
Peabody, Kansas
peabody.mykansaslibrary.org

Sunday and Monday Closed

December 27, 2011 (cont.)

- Motion carried to adopt Ordinance No. 09-2011 – an Ordinance Establishing the City Limits for the City of Peabody, Marion County, Kansas as presented since we de-annexed the industrial development park when we sold it to Prairie Lawn Cemetery.
- Chief Burke advised the council that Katherine "Katie" King had started with the City of Peabody as Animal Control Officer on December 14, 2011.
- Chief Burke advised the council that he had attended a meeting of the Marion County LEPC committee in Peabody on December 8, 2011. He stated that we need to get more people from the City of Peabody involved or we stand a chance of losing FEMA funding. Manning stated he would attend the next meeting of the committee.
- Motion carried to go into executive session at 7:38 p.m. for 20 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and also invited Mac Manning. The governing body came out of executive session at 7:58 p.m.
- Motion carried to return to executive session at 8:00 pm. For 5 minutes for the purpose of discussing non-elected personnel and also invited Mac Manning.
- Mayor Larsen recommended to the council that Bradley D. Jantz be appointed Judge of the City of Peabody Municipal Court.
- Motion carried to confirm the appointment of Bradley D. Jantz as Municipal Court Judge. Further to authorize Chief Burke to negotiate with Jantz as to his salary and number of court sessions to be held monthly.
- Motion carried to authorize the Chief of Police and City Administrator to hire a person for a part-time police position not to exceed 1,000 hours annually.
- Manning requested that the governing body meet for a work session on Thursday, January 5, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss such items as water rates, deposits, connection fees, and personnel regulations.
- Mayor Larsen advised the council that he had selected and was appointing Tim Peterson to fill the position on the council seat vacated by David Scott.
- Motion carried to confirm the mayor's appointment of Tim Peterson to fill the unexpired term of David Scott.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

WINTER ISN'T OVER YET

Did you know? City Code states that 'It is hereby made the duty of the owner and the occupant of any lots abutting upon any sidewalk to cause all snow and ice to be removed from such sidewalk'….

So many people work out of town these days and it may not always be possible to attend to clearing ice and snow immediately.

We encourage you to remember to be thoughtful and kind to your neighbors, postal carriers, and children walking to and from school.

LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIEAP) APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE CITY OFFICE

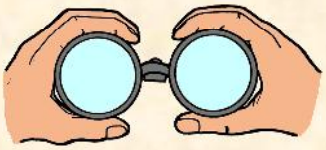
LIEAP can help you with a one-time payment toward your heating costs.

Applications are accepted January 18 – March 30, 2012

To qualify for LIEAP a household must not exceed the income limits in the chart below:

Persons Living at Address	Maximum Gross Monthly Income
1	$1,174
2	$1,579
3	$1,984
4	$2,389
5	$2,794
6	$3,200
7	$3,605
8	$4,010
9	$4,416
10	$4,822
11	$5,228
12	$5,634

LOOKING AHEAD



CITY WIDE
SPRING CLEANUP
May 7 – 12

HAZARDOUS
HOUSEHOLD WASTE
MAY 12

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 hear that the City Council has finally decided on what alley way lights they are going to remove for cost savings. I have never seen an actual listing of what lights are proposed, can I get a list?

Proposed Alley Lights to be Removed

Division Street:
Alley Between Walnut & Vine
Alley Between Sycamore & Maple
Alley Between Pine & Spruce
Alley Between Plum & Locust

Third Street:
Alley Between Elm & Pine – by tennis courts
Alley Between Elm & Maple
Alley Between Olive and RR
Alley Between Plum & Locust

Fourth Street:
Alley Between Walnut & Sycamore

Alley Between Sycamore & Maple

Fifth Street:
Alley Between Poplar & Locust

Sixth Street:
Alley Between Sycamore & Maple
Alley Between Maple & Elm
Alley Between Elm & Pine

Seventh Street:
Alley Between Olive & Vine
Alley Between Olive & RR
Alley Between Plum & Locust

Maple:
100 Block of N Maple.

If you have an objection to removal of any light, please call City Hall at 620-983-2174 and let me know. This offer expires on April 1, 2012.

A PERSONAL NOTE:

Well it is almost time for another Super Bowl. Needless to say, I was disappointed that my "Bears" did not make it. I guess I am neutral about who wins the Super Bowl. I should be for the New York Giants, as my namesake, Manning is the quarterback for the Giants. No relation, but I wish he would spread the wealth around and just give me just a million dollars. Anyway, have a good time watching the Super Bowl and keep warm.