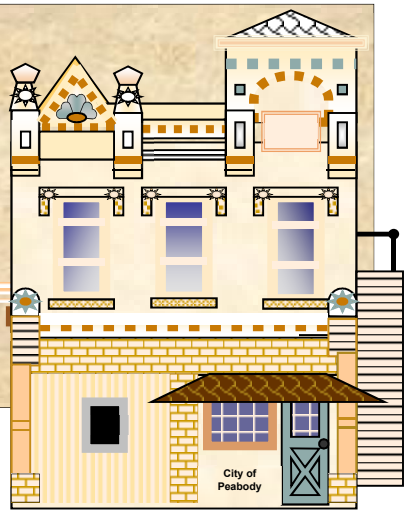
City of Peabody

MUNICIPAL NEWSLETTER



March 2015

Municipal Office
300 N. Walnut Street
Peabody, KS 66866

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

Telephone Number
620-983-2174

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620-983-2786

Website
www.peabodyks.com

City Council:
Stephen Rose, President
Robert Knapp
Travis Wilson
Janice Woodruff
Tim Peterson
Mayor:
Larry Larsen

Council Meeting Schedule

Regular Council Meetings:
7:00 pm

Monday March 9th, 2015
Monday March 30th, 2015
All meetings are open to the public.

City Council Committees:

Water - Rose

Streets & Alleys Wilson & Woodruff

Sanitation - Larsen & Wilson

Lights - Rose& Wilson

Fire - Rose & Peterson

Park & Swimming Pool - Woodruff & Wilson

Building - Larsen & Woodruff

Finance & Ordinance – Knapp & Peterson

Economic Development
Larsen & Knapp

Personnel
Larsen & Peterson

WATER PROBLEMS PROGRAM

If you are having water quality issues, please contact Peabody City Hall, 620-983-2174.

January 26, 2015 Regular Meeting

- **MOTION** by Peterson to approve Payroll 2015 1b $ 10,570.71 ; Payroll 2015 1b Tx & Benefit $ 5,084.83; Payables 2015 1a $ 9,432.06 totaling $ 25,087.60 . Motion seconded by Wilson Motion carried 5-0
- Dan Martel requested to address the city council. Mr. Martel expressed his profound concern about the potential loss of our grocery store.
- Beth Peter inquired if we could increase recycling collection to once a week. Clerk Lago suggested we order her another recycling container. Ms. Peter was satisfied with that solution.
- The Recreation Commission members were thinking that the City Park needs a walkway path – a cement path that would meander around the outside edge of the park. Wilson and Peterson thought it was a great idea. Mayor Larsen thought it was fantastic.
- They would like to add a disk golf tournament this year to the 4th of July activities. Councilman Peterson thinks that 2 holes might be interfered with by the carnival. Jacob Bruntz would be the contact for regulations. Mayor Larsen though it was a great idea.
- The Recreation Commission still needs a representative from the city - can be a city resident or someone in zip code 66866.
- **MOTION** by Wilson to approve a 2 year Drinking Establishment License for the Coneburg. Motion was seconded by Peterson. Motion carried 5-0
- Councilman Knapp noted the large number of cats relocated. How can we enforce the animal ordinance better? Do we need to put more teeth in it in order to get rid of the abundance of stray cats?
- City Hall received a letter expressing concern about junk in the yard and hanging on the fence at 201 E. 9th. Chief Burke will investigate further and report back.
- Water leak in water meter pit at 109 N. Plum - The contractor was trenching without a locate and hit their line and pulled or broke the city water line. Contractor was not licensed and is being sent a bill for damages.
- An Invoice in the amount of $613.52 was sent to Brian Grosse of Grosse Construction for water line repair at 109 Plum.
- **MOTION** by Woodruff to donate $50 in Peabody Bucks to the Peabody Burns High School post prom party. Motion seconded by Peterson. Motion carried 5-0
- **MOTION** by Woodruff to purchase liability coverage for 213 E. Division for the annual premium of $94.00 from Hilger Insurance. Motion carried 5-0

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 p.m.

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Daylight Savings Time Sunday March 8th
Set your clocks ahead 1 hour

CITY SIDE GARAGE SALE SATURDAY MAY 2nd

Scheduled shut off day for this month is Thursday March 26, 2015

CITY OFFICE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OUR CITIZENS

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$1 PER PAGE – OUTGOING
$ .15 page INCOMING

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

NOTARY SERVICES
$.50 per service

February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting

- **MOTION** by Knapp to approve PAYROLL 2015 1c (PAST) $ 10,099.99; PAYROLL 2015 1c TAX & BEN $4,881.57; PAYABLES 2015 2A $ 23,139.96 Totaling $38,121.52. Motion seconded by Wilson . Motion carried 4-0
- Randy Dallke inquired if there was any decision regarding his variance request for 210 W. 1st Street. Clerk Lago responded the Planning and Zoning Board was still in deliberation on that issue. Mr. Dallke left the city council meeting.
- Clerk Lago advised the council she had processed a check 1/27/15 to Farmers Mutual Insurance for liability coverage on the property. Councilman Knapp believes the city should set a minimum / reserve price on the house at the auction. Councilman Woodruff thinks we should add empty lots in town to the auction. Councilman Knapp firmly believes the lots should be sold separately from the house and on an individual basis.
- **MOTION** by Wilson to authorize Harms to order a new impeller, seal kit and pump gasket. Motion seconded by Knapp. Motion carried 4-0
- **MOTION** Knapp to authorize Harms to purchase the grinder pump. Motion seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.
- **MOTION** by Wilson to approve Harms and Woodruff to attend the KRWA conference and for Todd Woodruff to take the water certification test at the KRWA conference in Wichita on March 24-26. Motion seconded by Woodruff. Motion carried 4-0.
- Clerk Lago distributed the year-end financial statement for 12/31/14. She informed the council that Knudsen Monroe will be attending the February 23rd council meeting with the audit report; Met with Floyd Ackors of the Kansas Department of Labor. Operating under KSA 44-636 they oversee employee safety in cities, counties and school districts; Extensive research on Floodplain Management; Researching the dynamics, costs and process of physically switching sides with Krishyn in front office ; Met with Bruce Boettcher, P.E. and Vice President of GB Consultants from Emporia - His firm is handling the construction and placement of the "City Monument Sign Project" signage west of town.
- **MOTION** by Woodruff to have Westar remove the two alley lights under discussion. Motion seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0
- Councilman Knapp would like to see the city council begin 2016 budget preparation in March of 2015. He would like to meet with department heads mid-March

Meeting Adjourned 8:45 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
SPRING CLEAN UP MAY 4 - 9

Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) Applications are available at City Hall, or by calling 1-800-432-0043
Completed applications will be accepted thru March 31, 2015

For more information or to access the online application: www.cdf.ks.gov