

Approved 6-8-15

City of Peabody
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
May 26, 2015

Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Council President Bob Knapp at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 300 N. Walnut, Peabody, Kansas. The following council members were present: Travis Wilson, Janice Woodruff, Bob Knapp, Megan Holt, Tom Spencer. A quorum was established. Mayor Larsen was delayed

STAFF: Stephanie Lago - City Clerk, Bruce Burke – Chief of Police , Ronnie Harms – Interim Superintendent of Public Works, Beth Peter – Swimming Pool Manager

VISITORS: Susan Marshall – *Peabody Gazette-Bulletin*, Jim Rippe, Larry Lago, Dave Solomon, Preston and Lisa Hodges, Embry and Ada Nelson.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES:

The council reviewed the minutes from Regular meeting May 11, 2015. Correction on page one to change “limp” to “limb”; page 2 item C, change 18% to 10%; page three #6 middle of page change “who went to school” to “coached football” in Peabody.

MOTION by Wilson to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of May 11, 2015 as corrected. Motion seconded by Holt. Motion carried 5-0.

The council reviewed the minutes from Special meeting May 18, 2015. Correct \$37,224.00 to \$29,224.00 in the middle of the page.

MOTION by Wilson to approve the corrected minutes from the Special Council Meeting held May 18th for the budget. Motion seconded by Woodruff. Motion carried 5-0

Mayor Larsen joined the meeting in progress.

II. APPROPRIATIONS:

 The council reviewed:

PAYROLL 2015 5b	\$ 11,137.44
PAYROLL 2015 5b TAX & BEN	\$ 8,221.13
PAYABLES 2015 5b	<u>\$ 26,560.16</u>
	\$ 45,918.73

Mayor Larsen read the appropriations list aloud

MOTION by Wilson to approve PAYROLL 2015 5b \$ 11,137.44; PAYROLL 2015 5b TAX & BEN \$ 8,221.13 ; PAYABLES 2015 5b \$ 26,560.16 Totaling \$ 45,918.73 . Motion seconded by Knapp. Motion carried 5-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

David Solomon in the gallery introduced himself to the city council. He left Peabody when he was 19 years old and just came back from his home in Alabama to take care of his mom who lives north of town. He commented that Peabody is dying and asked what the council is doing to bring jobs or businesses into the city. Mayor Larsen replied that we have a new liquor store opening soon; are in negotiations with Caseys; are working on keeping

our grocery store; roofing the former Baker Furniture buildings. Mayor Larsen thanked Mr. Solomon for his attendance and comments.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Susan Marshall requested to be on the agenda to discuss the upcoming signature page in the newspaper and a donation from the city council.

MOTION by Wilson to approve the agenda as amended. Holt seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

V. AGENDA ITEMS:

A. Fourth Fest Committee

Preston and Lisa Hodges representing the 4th Fest Committee attended the council meeting to get up to date with the planned events. Mostly they will remain the same with the 5K Run, carnival, dances the night before, poker tournament. The parade will be run by Shane and Morgan Marler. Entrance will still be \$3 per person with a button. They want to add three (3) security guards from Smart Security in Wichita – maybe four (4). If the city would like to contribute half toward the extra guards it would be fine, but is not necessary. (The cost will be \$19 per hour per guard.) Last year we had 10 porta potties but will be increasing to 17 this year.

A.5 Peabody Gazette Sponsor Ad

Susan Marshall reminded the council that there is an extra section in the newspaper around July 4th with a complete schedule of events. Small ads frame the edge of the page from various supporters. Small sponsorship ads cost \$35.

MOTION by Woodruff to contribute a sponsor ad in the amount of \$35.00. Motion seconded by Knapp. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Auction of Properties

Clerk Lago discovered a duplication of property listed as 209 S.Olive on the Marion County parcel search– related to one of the lots the city wants to auction. After researching the zoning map, Clerk Lago straightened out the error with Debbie in the Marion County mapping department. The city's 209 S. Olive (lots 23,25,27) was changed to 309 S. Olive. Both 309 S. Olive and 203 S. Olive adjacent to the Rail Road tracks were already approved to be sold at the auction July 9th.

C. Employee Reports

1. Bruce Burke, Chief of Police

Chief Burke discussed his written report with the city council covering Inoperable Vehicles; Animal Control; Health & Safety; Taser Body Cams Barricade Request; 4th of July.

- Most discussion centered around Nuisance Properties and their respective statuses.
- We are still waiting for guidance from our city attorney, Robert Lane, on how to proceed in situations where residents are living in homes without water / sewer service.
- The house at Second and Spruce was leveled by a controlled burn by Peabody Fire Department.
- Mowing letters have been mailed out and we are waiting for responses to the Certified Mail and rainy conditions to abate before we begin mowing.

- Chief Burke has received a Request for Barricades for the July 4th Fireworks for 2nd and Locust, 60th and Nighthawk and Division and Poplar

MOTION by Wilson to approve purchase of KANGURU Defender HDD Secure HD in the amount of 219.44; KANGURU 1-to-3 24x DVD duplicator in the amount of 437.89; LG External DVD-RW 24x USB Blk in the amount of \$57.85 totaling \$715.18 from CDW-G Government. Motion seconded by Woodruff. Motion carried 5-0.

We need to have a new fireworks' ordinance ready to go for the June 8th, 2015 City Council meeting.

2. Ronnie Harms, Interim Superintendent of Public Works

Mr. Harms had a written report and attachments for the city council to review. Major points of his report were:

- Kansas Rural Water (KRWA) measured the sludge depth in the sewer ponds. The average overall depth is 8.79 inches
- Water meter tested at Hillsboro pump house is 99.6% accurate (Meter 6-inch Neptune SN 70081709.)
- Sidewalk around the northeast side of pool house is cut and getting ready to be poured.
- Cunningham Tank will be onsite June 4th to clean and inspect the water tower.
- Essential replacement of sewer line under Santa Fe Park. We cannot go under the RR tracks and Santa Fe Park needs a bathroom.

Councilman Knapp inquired how many acres of sewer ponds do we have? Based on the amount of sludge accumulated each year, we may be good for 15-20 years. If however, sludge needed to be removed, it is expensive and a typical cost is in the range of \$0.005 per gallon or \$32,600 per acre.

Tom Spencer commented that we need some sort of seating at the swimming pool. Benches or chairs or something.

3. Stephanie Lago, City Clerk

Lago as Zoning Administrator, on behalf of Jeff Madsen / Jim Morris 201 E. Central requested Ben Steketee visit onsite for an inspection of the project for rough building (framing).

Lago as Hearing Officer, addressed the council on behalf of Sarah Kallansrud. Kallansrud's water had been shut off for non payment on 11/26/14. She received a letter on 5/8/15 stating she had 30 days to get the water turned back on. Her account balance was \$373.13 plus a \$50 reconnect fee totaling \$423.13. 5/22/15 she paid half of the amount due totaling \$211.56 and wants to know if the council will allow her to meet the 30 day time frame by only paying the \$211.56. Lago reminded the council that city ordinance 06-2007 would prohibit this without paying the balance in full. City council extended the 30 day time frame to 60 days rather than not comply with ordinance 06-2007.

D. Reports from Standing Committees

1. Water (Spencer)

Councilman Wilson commented that the county is going ahead with the road construction on Nighthawk. No word yet on how it will affect the water line from Hillsboro to Peabody.

2. Streets and Alleys (Woodruff & Wilson)

MOTION by Knapp to approve request for temporary barricade around bucket truck in front of new liquor store at 113 N. Walnut while painting the front of the building. Motion seconded by Woodruff. Motion carried 5-0.

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Councilman Woodruff reported that the ruts are real bad by Mr. Robertson's place.

3. Sanitation (Larsen & Wilson) nothing to report
4. Lights Committee (Holt & Wilson) nothing to report
5. Fire Committee (Larsen & Woodruff)

Kelly Cook, Jim Philpott and Kendall Winter have left the Fire Department. New members are needed.

6. Park and Swimming Pool Committee (Woodruff & Spencer)

Mayor Larsen reported that the KS State Historical Society has no objection to the roof being redone on the Floral Exhibition building in the City Park with modern shingles.

Mayor Larsen will appoint somebody from the school district boundaries to the Recreation Board

Beth Peter believes that benches around the pool area would be better than chairs.

Councilman Spencer inquired if the two bathrooms on the west side of the pool bath house could be consolidated into one large unisex handicapped bathroom. Councilman Knapp explained that even with opening up the area, it is still not enough room for a wheelchair turn-around.

7. Building Committee (Larsen & Woodruff) nothing to report
8. Finance and Ordinance (Holt & Knapp)

Councilman Knapp referred to the budget meeting of May 18 and asked Harms if the water / sewer salary numbers were correct as presented at budget meeting. Harms responded that, "No, they are not 50/50".

Will we have time to produce and publish a new ordinance for the 4th of July fireworks?

Knapp reported we have still heard when Knudsen Monroe and Co. will set up a meeting with us to discuss transfers.

9. Economic Development Committee (Larsen & Holt)

Councilman Holt reported that the Sunday Peabody Cruise event had positive attendance and all the food vendors sold out of food.

10. Personnel (Larsen & Wilson & Knapp)

Interviews are being set up for 5/28/15.

Harms and Mayor Larsen are reviewing needs for summer help.

E. Report from the Mayor

Mayor Larsen announced a delay in appointing non-elected officers. He has been disappointed in the communication and attentiveness of our city attorney Robert Lane. And by next meeting we may have a new individual to appoint as City Treasurer.

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- F. Closing comment from David Solomon in the gallery that he was disappointed in the meeting as it was "business as usual" as there was no focus about bringing in business like Bass Pro Shop. Mayor Larsen and Mr. Solomon agreed to meet later to privately discuss their concerns.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Minutes Regular City Council Meeting of 5/11/15
Minutes of Special City Council Meeting of 5/18/15
Report Chief Burke
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VII: ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

1. Atmos Franchise Agreement
2. GB Consultants from Emporia "City Monument Sign Project"
3. Purchase of a new pool cover
4. Process procedures for Lack of Water Service

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business to be brought before the council **MOTION** by Councilman Woodruff to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Knapp. Motion carried 5-0.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing minutes are a true and correct recording of the proceedings of the governing body of the City of Peabody, Kansas, held on the date stated therein, and that the official minutes of such proceedings are on file in my office.

(SEAL)

Stephanie Lago , City Clerk