

Approved

City of Peabody  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
March 12, 2018

Office of the City Clerk  
March 12, 2018

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Larsen 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: Beth Peter, Travis Wilson, Jay Gfeller and Lindsay Hutchison. Tom Spencer was absent. A quorum was established.

**STAFF:** Jonna Munson – City Clerk, Elizabeth Harder – City Treasurer, Bruce Burke – Chief of Police, Ronnie Harms – Superintendent of Public Works

**VISITORS:** Faie Fredrickson, Gerald Carney, Linda Martinez, Jim Rippe, Travis Foth, Janine Foth, NM Patton, Mark Penner, Paige Carr – Peabody Gazette-Bulletin

## THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### I. MINUTES:

The council reviewed minutes of the Special City Council meeting held on March 1, 2018.

**MOTION** by Peter to approve as presented. Motion seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried 4-0.

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on February 26, 2018 held on March 1, 2018.

**MOTION** by Wilson to approve as amended to correct typographical errors. Motion seconded by Gfeller. Motion carried 4-0.

### II. APPROPRIATIONS:

PAYROLL 2018 3A	\$ 9,981.58
PAYROLL 2018 3A tax & benefits	\$ 8,927.36
PAYABLES 2018 3B	<u>\$11,512.39</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$38,266.71</b>

**MOTION** by Wilson to approve appropriations in the amount of \$38,266.71 including the addition of \$1.00 to previously approved amount for Rods Tire. Motion seconded by Gfeller. Motion carried 4-0.

### III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Linda Martinez requested lines be repainted on Peabody Street by the exit from Highway 50. She also indicated the sidewalk needs replaced on Northeast side of Wringer. Patching didn't hold and she feels it needs replaced. Mayor Larsen said he and Public Works Superintendent Ronnie Harms will check into it.

Gerald Carney is visiting Peabody and says we have a beautiful town. He wants to move here and is interested in the movie theatre and buying a Victorian home.

### IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

**MOTION** by Wilson to approve the agenda with the addition of executive session under Personnel. Motion seconded by Gfeller. Motion carried 4-0.

**V. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**1. Peabody Dreamers Club**

Travis Foth spoke on behalf of the Peabody Dreamers Club. They would like to close 1<sup>st</sup> Street from Walnut east to alley for Peabody Cruise. He presented barricade request for this and Main Street from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Foth requested \$1,199.60 to purchase 40 flags to replace the worn flags that are displayed on Walnut Street. He also indicated that no other group had contacted them regarding banners.

**MOTION** by Gfeller to approve barricade requests and approve purchase of flags for \$1,199.60. Motion seconded by Wilson. Motion carried 4-0.

**A. Employee Reports**

**1. Jonna Munson – City Clerk Report**

Munson provided request for council to approve Board of Directors of Peabody Housing Authority/Indian Guide Terrace.

**MOTION** by Peter to approve R.S. Avery, Mark Whitney, Vickie L. Cook, Sharon Schmill and Marion Rowland as Board of Directors of Peabody Housing Authority/Indian Guide Terrace. Motion was seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried 4-0.

**B. Reports from Standing Committees:**

- 1. Water (Gfeller)** – Ronnie Harms said a bolt twisted off an impeller @ pump station. He took the motor to Kansas Winding and received quote of \$1100.00 to rebuild the motor. He also received quotes from Core & Main and Murdock Electric to replace the seal kit and impeller.

**MOTION** by Wilson to have Kansas Winding repair/rebuild the motor for \$1,100.00 and purchase the seal kit and impeller from Murdock Electric for \$1905.06 for a total of \$3,005.06. Motion was seconded by Gfeller. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilman Gfeller said his meeting with Morgan Marler to tour the water treatment plant was rescheduled for this Wednesday.

- 2. Streets and Alleys (Spencer, Wilson)** – Mayor Larsen asked Chief Burke to call the railroad to repair crossing on South Walnut.
- 3. Sanitation (Larsen)** – nothing to report
- 4. Lights (Peter)** – nothing to report
- 5. Fire (Larsen)** – There was discussion about replacement of air packs for Fire Dept. Councilman Wilson said there is \$3,116 in Special Law and Fire budget. The total cost of Packs is \$6,820. Wilson doesn't want to pull from fund for purchase of new fire truck. It was recommended to check Capital Improvement and Municipal Equipment Capital Improvement budgets. Hutchison recommended the Fire Dept. check into emergency preparedness grants for funding. Mayor Larsen told Fire Chief Penner, the City is behind them to get this done.

**6. Park and Swimming Pool (Spencer, Peter) –**

Peter said the Peabody Rec Commission makes an annual donation for free swim days and Family Nights. The swim team needs life guards for practices and meets. No donation has been made by swim team since 2014. Wilson said the pool doesn't make any money. Hutchison said if the swim team wants to make a donation let them, but don't require it. Swim team coach and helpers are all volunteers. Gfeller said we have new families moving to town who have kids joining swim team.

NM Patton announced the PH4HP meeting is tomorrow evening. Mr. Patton and Councilman Spencer met with the painter last Wednesday to evaluate playground equipment. Humpty Dumpty has fiberglass cracking and the spring is leaning. They recommend getting rid of this piece. Wood on merry-go-round needs replaced. They want wood cut so it can be put on at time painting is to be done. Can Public Works cut these boards? Also Billy Goats Gruff chains are good but need to take off 10" boards and replace with 12" boards. This needs to be done by April 15<sup>th</sup> but Ronnie is short one staff person. Wilson asked if Chief Burke had anyone who could do this as community service. Patton said the benches with L-shape need new boards. These were not on list to be painted. Mayor said the boards on bottom of round house are rotting on the bottom. This building is part of history of this community and also on National Register.

Patton provided copy of grant application information to Mayor Larsen. This is a grant from Wildlife and Park with 50% match. Deadline for this year is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Hutchison read some fine print about not being able to change or add new equipment so it might not be feasible for this project. Mayor said it is more realistic to consider for next year after the budge process since the project must be paid upfront and then 50% is reimbursed.

**7. Building - (Larsen) – Nothing to report.**

**8. Finance and Ordinance (Spencer, Wilson) –** Mayor Larsen said Ordinance 2013-0429 regarding street closures was to take affect after publication. However, it was never published. Erik Smith at League of Kansas Municipalities advised that a new ordinance be passed with language added that the ordinance which was originally passed was never published.

**MOTION** by Wilson to approve Ordinance 02-2018 to replace Ordinance 2013-0429 with new language added that Ordinance 2013-0429 was approved but never published. Motion was seconded by Peter. Motion carried 4-0.

Chief Burke said the City is getting ready to fill the 3<sup>rd</sup> position for Public Works. In 2011 Burke lost his 3<sup>rd</sup> full time police officer position. Mayor Larsen told Burke to look at his 2019 budget and bring his request to the council for a vote. It was also mentioned that public safety can separate their budget from the general fund.

**9. Economic Development Committee (Larsen, Hutchison) –** Councilman Peter would like to know the status of Marion County Economic Development activities.

Peter asked suggested checking with Attorney Rob Lane on writing a lease for Affordable Street Rods signs.

Mayor Larsen will be meeting this week with Main Street, Peabody Dreamers Club and Hannah Bourbon of Marion County Community Economic Development Corporation.

**10. Personnel (Larsen, Wilson, Peter) –** Linda Martinez resigned from Planning and Zoning Committee. Jennifer Ensminger is interested in filling the vacancy. Mayor Larsen appointed Jennifer Ensminger to Planning and Zoning Board. Alicia Ortiz is also considering resigning from P&Z.

**MOTION** by Wilson to enter executive session at 8:38pm for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Mayor, Council and Clerk Munson were invited to attend. Motion was seconded by Peter. Motion carried 4-0.

Council returned to regular meeting at 8:58pm.

**MOTION** by Wilson to offer pool manager position to Rachel Wattson for \$5,500 for the season. Motion was seconded by Gfeller. Motion carried 4-0.

**C. Report from the Mayor – none.**

**ENCLOSURES:**

Minutes February 26, 2018 Regular Meeting  
PAYROLL 2018 3A  
PAYROLL 2018 3A tax & benefits  
PAYABLES 2018 3B  
City Clerk Report  
Advertising proof for Help Wanted advertisements  
Governing Body Institute & Mayors Conference – April 20-21  
Planning/Zoning Minutes March 5, 2018  
Peabody Dreamer's Club Minutes March 4, 2018  
Marion County Planning Commission – Consideration of Revision to Marion Co. Floodplain Reg.  
State of Kansas – Permitted Burn Site Inspection February 21, 2018  
Peabody Housing Authority – updated Board Members for approval  
Bob Stith Heating, Cooling, Plumbing Service Plan renewal

**VI. ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:**

1. Process procedures for Lack of Water Service
2. Performance Evaluation

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business to be brought before the council **MOTION** by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m. Motion was seconded by Gfeller. Motion tied 2-2 with Peter and Hutchison against. Mayor Larsen broke the tie voting no.

Beth Peter and Lindsay Hutchison would like to attend the Governing Body Institute and Mayors Conference in Topeka on April 20-21. Cost is \$175.00 each for the conference. Lodging is \$97.00 for one night and they are willing to share one room.

**MOTION** by Wilson to allow Councilmen Peter and Hutchison to attend the Governing Body Institute and Mayors Conference in Topeka on April 20-21 at a cost of \$175.00 each for the conference and \$97.00 for one night lodging. Motion was seconded by Gfeller. Motion failed 2-0-2 with Peter and Hutchison abstaining. Mayor Larsen broke the tie voting yes.

**MOTION** by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion was seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried 4-0.

**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.

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Jonna Munson, City Clerk

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Minutes of the Special Meeting  
March 14, 2018

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**CALL TO ORDER:** The special meeting was convened at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Larsen in the council chambers of City Hall located at 300 N. Walnut, Peabody, Kansas. The following council members were present: Tom Spencer, Beth Peter, Travis Wilson, Jay Gfeller and Lindsay Hutchison. A quorum was established.

**STAFF:** Jonna Munson - City Clerk and Bruce Burke – Chief of Police.

**GUESTS:** Paige Carr – Peabody Gazette-Bulletin.

Purpose of the Special Meeting was to discuss Non-Elected Personnel

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**MOTION** by Wilson to move to executive session at 7:02pm for 20 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Mayor, Council, Clerk Munson and Chief Burke were invited into executive session. Motion was seconded by Peter. Motion carried 5-0.

Council returned to regular session at 7:22pm.

**MOTION** by Wilson to move back to executive session at 7:23pm for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel. Mayor, Council, Clerk Munson and Chief Burke were invited into executive session. Motion was seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried 5-0.

Council returned to regular session at 7:33pm.

**MOTION** by Peter to terminate James Taylor and allow Chief Burke to offer position to part time officers and allow Burke to advertise position if not filled by part time officer. Motion was seconded by Hutchison. Motion carried 5-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business to be brought before the council, **MOTION** by Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Spencer. Motion carried 5-0.

**CERTIFICATE**

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