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City of Peabody
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
September 24, 2018

Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Larsen at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located at 300 N. Walnut, Peabody, Kansas. The following council members were present: Travis Wilson, Jay Gfeller and Lindsay Hutchison, Tom Spencer, Beth Peter and Larry Larsen, Mayor. A quorum was established.

STAFF: City Clerk- Jylle Wilson, Bruce Burke – Chief of Police, Ronnie Harms- Public Works Superintendent

VISITORS: Jim Rippe, Ginger Whitney, Mary Olsen, Dan Martel, Rodger Charles, Rex & Annette Watson, Ron Traxson, Pandeia Smitel and Sheila Kelley- Peabody Gazette.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES:

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on September 10, 2018 and no corrections were made.

II. APPROPRIATIONS:

PAYROLL 2018 9B	\$ 9,205.32
PAYROLL 2018 9B extra tax & benefits	\$ 9,104.69
PAYROLL 2018 SPECIAL 9B	\$ 794.05
PAYROLL 2018 SPECIAL 9B extra tax & benefits	\$323.93
PAYABLES 2018 9C	<u>\$ 20,890.80</u>
Total	<u>\$40,318.79</u>

MOTION by Travis to approve September 10, 2018 minutes, Lindsay seconded the motion. Motion Carried 4-0-1

MOTION by Travis to approve all Appropriations, Tom seconded the motion. Motion Carried 5-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Rex and Annette Watson wanted to thank the council for all their help and support for their Open House. There wasn't as many cars as expected but as many people as expected. Plan on making this an annual event.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Travis to approve the agenda as Amended with the addition of a 20-minute executive session under Public Works for non-elected personnel a 20-minute executive under Police for non-elected personnel and the addition of Ginger Whitney in place of Morgan Marler. Jay seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

V. AGENDA ITEMS:

Ron Traxson came in to talk about the agreement that the school has with the City for the use of football field and security. There were no changes that needed to be made in the monies part of the agreement just needed to change under the lights portion of the contract to Peabody-Burns. And make the Agreement for another 10 years. Motion by Jay to renew the Agreement with the School for 10 years and make the change to Peabody-Burns, seconded by Travis. Motion carried 5-0

Ginger Whitney wanted to thank the council for everything. She heard lots of positive comments about the Fall Fest. The shuttle worked out great, had 52 permission slips signed for the bounce house, 11 wreaths were made, 24 paid vendors, 13 non-profits and 3 food vendors and has a check for \$135 for vendor fees. One concern was that the sidewalks were packed need to come up with a better way next year. Vendors were positive & willing to come back. A motion by Jay to waive the \$135 vendor fee, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 5-0.

Dan Martel addressed the council about ordinances. People need to clean up there yards and the city needs to come up with new ordinances to enforce so people will clean up their houses, if they don't follow the ordinance then kick them out. Council said that there were ordinances in place for this and Chief Burke always has several properties in his reports.

VI. Reports

Public Works:

Ronnie went over the reports that Lucas, Clayton and himself did over the last month. Travis let him know that there was another tree in the park that was split. Ronnie brought up the burn pit and that it needs to be smoothed out due to all the push up and continuous driving there are all kinds of holes.

Jay asked about when the county was going to be working on Prairie Lawn Road. Ronnie said after it gets cold.

A motion by Jay to go into executive session for 20 minutes with Ronnie, Council, the Mayor and Clerk to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Travis. Motion carried 5-0. Executive started at 8:06pm

Back in regular session at 8:25pm with no action taken.

Police:

Chief Burke went over his enclosed reports. At 303 Plum there is an old hand dug well that has been filled in at some point that needs to have some fill dirt so nobody gets hurt.

A motion by Travis to go into executive session for 20 minutes with Chief Burke, Council, the Mayor and Clerk to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Beth. Motion carried 5-0. Executive started at 8:40pm

Back in regular session at 9:00pm.

A motion to promoted a Part Time Police officer to Full Time beginning November 5, 2018 at a rate of \$16.75/hr, seconded by Beth. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk:

Received a card in the mail today from the Father Kapaun Pilgrimage thanking the City for the use of the park and pool. They sent a \$100 donation, just need to know where to put that towards. Was the general consensus of the council to put in the Pool Fund.

I received an email about Connecting Links through the county. I would like to be able to go to Marion for this on October 1st. A motion by Lindsay to send Jylle to Connecting Links in Marion and pay mileage, seconded by Jay. Motion carried 5-0.

I received another email about Regional Mitigation that the City has participated in in the past. This will be in Newton on October 25. A motion by Lindsay to send Jylle to the Regional Mitigation in Newton and pay mileage, seconded by Jay. Motion carried 5-0.

Treasurer:

Liz found 2 accounts that have been inactive for years. One has \$496.98 and the other has \$65.70. Just need to know what to do with these 2 accounts. Was the general consensus of the council to contact the City Attorney and see what we would need to do to dissolve the Peabody Development Corp and transfer the money to the general fund.

Back a few months ago it was brought to Council's attention that the water rates were going to be going up, we are going to either have to raise the water rates or absorb the increased rates. Council asked to curb this until next meeting.

Reports from Standing Committees:

1. **Water (Gfeller)**- nothing to report
2. **Streets and Alleys (Spencer, Wilson)** – nothing to report
3. **Sanitation (Larsen)** – Nothing to report
4. **Lights (Peter)** – there are 5 lights out at the stadium. Ronnie needs to get estimates from Elcon and surrounding electric companies to replace the bulbs.

5. **Fire (Larsen)** – nothing to report
6. **Park and Swimming Pool (Spencer, Peter)** – nothing to report.
7. **Building (Larsen)**- Nothing to report.
8. **Finance and Ordinance (Spencer, Wilson)** –
Tree Trimming ordinance needs to be put into newsletter to give citizens a heads up to get their trees trimmed up. Give it a couple of weeks and when officers are out driving around and notice a tree/branches that need trimmed get out and let owner/tenant know. If not done after that in a given time then have the city take care of it with the bill being sent to owner and if not paid put it on taxes.

Blocking a sidewalk is ordinance #12-201. The individual was told by the mayor that it wasn't an issue to block the sidewalk because there was only 4 pieces of sidewalk there. It is against city ordinance to block the sidewalk no matter how many pieces are there. We now have 2 options, 1) Allow everyone to build whatever they want or 2) the fence has to be moved back. The mayor is to go over and talk with property owner and have them move the fence back.
9. **Economic Development Committee (Larsen, Hutchison)** – nothing to report.
10. **Personnel (Larsen, Wilson, Peter)** – A motion by Travis to go into executive session for 10 minutes with Council, the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 5-0. Executive started at 10:16pm, no action taken.
Back in regular session at 10:26pm
A motion by Travis to go into executive session for 15 minutes with Council, the Mayor, Clerk and Treasurer to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Tom. Motion carried 5-0. Executive started at 10:26pm.
Back in regular session at 10:40pm, no action taken

VI. ENCLOSURES:

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PAYABLES 2018 9C

VII. ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business to be brought before the council.

MOTION by Travis to adjourn the meeting at 10:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Tom. 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)

Jylle Wilson, City Clerk