

Pea Ridge City Council
Regular Meeting
February 21, 2023

The Pea Ridge City Council met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Room at the City Hall Administration Building.

Those present were: Mayor Nathan See, City Clerk Sandy Button, Council Members Ginger Larsen, Nadine Telgemeier, Merrill White, Steve Guthrie, Cody Keene, and Jeff Neil. Also, present was City Attorney Shane Perry.

Others present were: Annette Beard, Stephanie Henson, Shane Henson, Clint Bowen, Ken Hayes, Nick Larsen, Tony Townsend, Ray Easley, Stephanie Kotouc, Sue Elverston, Todd Cornwell, Kevin Rogers and Dennis Rogers.

Mayor Nathan See called the meeting to order.

Mayor Nathan See opened the meeting in prayer and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments: There were no public comments.

Alderman White moved, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2023, Regular Meeting. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Fire Chief Clint Bowen explained the new rates and charges for services provided by the Pea Ridge Ambulance Service as explained in Resolution 497.

Mayor See read Resolution Number 497, which is entitled:

A RESOLUTION ADJUSTING THE RATES AND CHARGES FOR SERVICES
PROVIDED BY THE PEA RIDGE AMBULANCE SERVICE

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman Neil to approve Resolution Number 497 as read. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

After a discussion, City Attorney Shane Perry read Ordinance Number 781, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING PEA RIDGE MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 10.08.07,
ADDING A SECTION TITLED “ TEMPORARY METERS”; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

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Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman , moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance on three different days be suspended. Mayor See put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor See declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor See then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman White, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor See on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion Passed.

The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 787 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 787 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN LANDS THAT ARE COMPLETELY
SURROUNDED BY THE INCORPORATED LIMITS OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE;
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman White, seconded by Alderman Keene, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor See put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor See declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor See then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderwoman Larsen, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor See on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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The Mayor thereupon declared the Ordinance adopted and signed the Ordinance, which was attested by the City Recorder and sealed with the Seal of the City.

The Council discussed Ordinance Number 788 concerning Advertising and Tourism Promotions Tax, Fund and Commission that will be considered tonight. Council member Larsen suggested removing the 1% tax on restaurants and leaving the 3% tax on Lodging in this Ordinance.

Alderman Keene, seconded by Alderman Guthrie, moved to introduce Ordinance Number 788 by title only. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Mayor See read Ordinance Number 788 by title only, which is entitled:

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AN ADVERTISING AND TOURISM PROMOTIONS TAX ON THE GROSS RECEIPTS OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIES RELATED TO THE ADVERTISING AND TOURISM PROMOTION OF THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, CREATING THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS, ADVERTISING AND TOURISM PROMOTION FUND, AND THE CITY OF PEA RIDGE, ARKANSAS ADVERTISING AND TOURISM PROMOTION COMMISSION, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES; PRESCRIBING OTHER MATTERS PERTAINING THERETO; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Alderman Guthrie, seconded by Alderman Neil, moved that the rule requiring the reading of an ordinance by title only on three different days be suspended. Mayor See put the question on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

Thereupon Mayor See declared that at least two-thirds of all members of the council have voted in favor of the motion to suspend the rule. The motion was carried, and the rule suspended. Mayor See then read the Ordinance by title only.

Alderwoman Larsen, seconded by Alderwoman Guthrie, moved that the Ordinance be adopted. The question was put by Mayor See on the adoption of the motion and the roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted nay; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted nay; Jeff Neil voted nay; Mayor See abstained. Motion failed.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to table the discussion on the Advertising and Tourism Promotions Tax, Fund and Commission at this time. The roll being called, the vote was as follows: Ginger Larsen voted aye; Nadine Telgemeier voted aye; Merrill White voted aye; Steve Guthrie voted aye; Cody Keene voted aye; and Jeff Neil voted aye. Motion passed.

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Currently the Arkansas Legislators are considering this issue and there should be a decision on this soon.

Alderman Keene moved, seconded by Alderman White to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Nathan See, Mayor

Sandy Button, City Clerk