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City of Peabody
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
March 25, 2024

Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Weems called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall, located at 300 N. Walnut, Peabody, Kansas. The following council members were present: Richard Baker, Kevin Burke, and Linda Martinez. A quorum was established.

STAFF: Jylle Wilson-City Clerk, Zac Thackston-Public Works Superintendent, Travis Wilson-Chief of Police, Jonathon Clayton-AC/HS, and Beth Peter- Court Clerk, Presley Mabe-Police

VISITORS: Lana & Mike Benson, Stephanie Ax, Christopher King, Brian Simmonds, Darren Weems, Patsy Litton, Pandeia Smith, Jean Knapp

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. CONSENT AGENDA:

PAYABLES 2024 3B	\$13,429.64
PAYROLL 2024 3B	\$11,984.79
PAYROLL 2024 3B extra taxes & benefits	\$12,966.45

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MOTION by Linda to approve March 11th minutes, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0.
MOTION by Richard to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Richard to approve agenda with the following changes: Mike & Lana moved to (c) and council appointment moved to (b), add an executive under Clerk seconded by Linda. Motion carried 3-0.

VI. AGENDA ITEMS:

- a. Richard Baker brought up the Profit & Loss that was given to council at the last meeting. He has some concerns about spending on attorney fees. Also, he has concerns about the mayor having ordinances made without council approval.
Richard motioned that the mayor does not contact the city attorney unless it is regarding employee relations until the spending for attorney fees is back under control, seconded by Kevin.
Richard rescinded his motion.

Kevin made a motion to go into executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with the council, clerk, treasurer, and the mayor, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0 (7:27pm)
Back in regular session at 7:37pm
Motion by Kevin to go back into executive with the same people for 10 more minutes for non-elected personnel, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0 (7:40pm)
Back in regular session at 7:50pm
Motion by Richard to reinstate his original motion to restrict the mayor's contact with the city attorney, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 2-1(Linda)
- b. The mayor appointed Christopher King to fill the 2-year term.
Linda motioned to accept the mayor's appointment of Christopher King, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0.

- c. Mike and Lana request not to have to cut a tree branch at the property. Motion by Christopher that the tree branch stays, seconded by Linda. Motion carried 4-0.
- d. The mayor would like Linda and herself to attend the City Leader's Academy April 12-13 in Manhattan. The cost is \$175/person plus a night's stay in a hotel. Motion by Richard for the mayor and Linda to attend the City Leader's Academy, seconded by Christopher. Motion carried 4-0.
- e. **Stephanie Ax is frustrated with her neighbors and the number of animals they have. She will move her fence in on her property so the dogs at the neighbor's house stop tearing up her fence.**

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

- a. Treasurer- Rates on CDs haven't been changed since 2011.
Motion by Linda to amend the 12-month CD to a 5-month CD at 5.23%, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0-1(Richard)
- b. Police- AC/HS Jonathan Clayton requests a resolution for 221 N Walnut St to clean up the property. Motion by Richard to approve Resolution 2024-06, seconded by Linda. Motion carried 4-0.
Jonathan updated on the Manufactured Housing Grant. He found 25 homes that would qualify. He has sent letters to those homeowners, and 7 have already replied.
- c. Public Works- requests to purchase mosquito spray. Motion by Richard to purchase the mosquito spray, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Richard to go into an executive session for 10 minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with Zac, Chief Wilson, the Clerk, the council, and the mayor, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 4-0. (9:10pm)
Back in regular session at 9:20pm
- d. Clerk- training requests for Justin and Matt for Water and Wastewater. Justin for wastewater (1) in Mankato on May 14 and (1) in Eldorado on June 27, will have an overnight stay for the Mankato training. Matt for water- training April 9-11 in Chanute, will have a hotel room for 3 nights.
Motion by Richard to approve all training with the cost of meals and hotel, seconded by Christopher. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Richard to approve both trainings for the Clerk and Treasurer on April 25th and June 5th from 9- Noon and closing the office during that time with prior notice of closure, seconded Kevin. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Richard to approve Ordinance 02-2024, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 4-0.
Motion by Richard to go into executive session for 10-minutes to discuss non-elected personnel with council, clerk and mayor, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 4-0. (9:33pm)
Back in regular session at 9:43pm.
Motion by Linda to amend the verbiage in the job description for Pool Manager, that they have to be CPR Certified, and an adult but doesn't have to be Lifeguard Certified, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports from Standing Committees:

1. **Water** – nothing to report.
2. **Streets and Alleys** – nothing to report.
3. **Sanitation** – nothing to report.
4. **Lights** – nothing to report.
5. **Park and Swimming Pool** – nothing to report.
6. **Building** – nothing to report.
7. **Finance and Ordinance** – nothing to report.
8. **Economic Development Committee** – nothing to report.

9. **Personnel** –Kevin will be having his 1st of 3 surgeries in the morning but doesn't intend to miss a meeting.

Mayor's Report- nothing to report.

VII. ENCLOSURES:

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VIII. ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

Linda moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 p.m., seconded by Christopher. The 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.

(SEAL)

Jylle Wilson, City Clerk