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City of Peabody  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
January 29, 2024

Office of the City Clerk

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Council President Weems 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, Lori Pickens-Treasurer and Jonathon Clayton-AC/HS and Beth Peter- Court Clerk

**VISITORS:** Brian Simmonds, Darin Neufeld-EBH, Draxa Langley, Denise Jantz, Pandeia Smith, Scott Spunaugle, Kathy Crowley, Bryan Hegna, Becky Nickel

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. CONSENT AGENDA:**

PAYABLES 2024 1B	\$63,874.33
PAYROLL 2024 1B	\$13,063.90
PAYROLL 2024 1B extra taxes & benefits	\$13,241.84

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**MOTION** by Richard to approve January 8<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Linda. Motion carried 3-0.  
**MOTION** by Richard to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0.

**II. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Becky Nickel with PCF thanked the City for their continued support and announced that PCF was hiring and the position would be funded for 3 years from a grant. Also requested \$3,000 for Brian Simmonds' job with the foundation.

Brian Simmonds has a request from the Marion County Landbank to give the Peabody Landbank the property at 202 S Olive.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**MOTION** by Richard to approve agenda with the following additions: (2) 15-minute executives under personnel, 1 5-minute executive under Police, (d) Bryan Hegna, and (e-h) Linda Martinez, seconded by Linda. Motion carried 3-0.

**IV. AGENDA ITEMS:**

- a. Mayor Weems made the appointment of Draxa Langley for one of the open Council seats. A motion was made by Linda to approve the appointment of Draxa Langley, and the motion died for lack of a second.
- b. Darin Neufeld-EBH went over the 5 bidders for the 4<sup>th</sup> Street Project. Prado was the lowest bidder and Darin recommends going with the base bid + the alternate. Richard made the motion to go with Prado, and to the base bid + alternate, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0.
- c. Scott Spunaugle at 612 Sycamore is requesting to live in their camper for approximately 6 months while they are remodeling the house. Was the consensus of the Council to have him come back to the July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting and give an update on the progress of the remodel.
- d. Bryan Hegna- says the new sanitation company's truck are heavier and they are tearing up the asphalt around his house.

- e. Linda brought up information about high speed broadband program. Was brought up last year by the library and was blocked by Vyve.
- f. Linda brought up a Community Shredder Day. Would cost \$250/hr and at least 2 hrs was recommended. Not currently in the budget for this year, can look at budgeting for 3 bins next year.
- g. Linda brought up the online meeting capabilities, we will be trying Teams hopefully by the next meeting, the City does not have to have online meetings, was started during COVID.
- h. Linda also brought up the ordinances for the downtown historic district need to be reviewed and look at adding ordinances for that area. If there were ordinances for the downtown district before then they should be around somewhere on paper. Clerk Wilson and Jonathan will look for them.

### **EMPLOYEE REPORTS**

- a. Treasurer- Nothing to Report.
- b. Police- went over reports then had AC/H&S go over his reports and the next steps for the house at 116 W 3<sup>rd</sup>. Motion by Richard to go into a 5-minute executive session with mayor, council, chief and clerk to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0. (8:35pm)  
Back in regular session at 8:40pm
- c. Public Works- went over his reports  
Rec Commission is willing to donate \$13,000 towards the final payment of the pool project.  
Motion by Linda to go with Joe Tucker Painting for \$40,000 with the Rec Commission paying \$13,000 of the final payment and the remaining \$27,000 coming from the Pool Maintenance Fund at the PCF, seconded by Kevin. Motion carried 3-0.  
Motion by Richard for Hart Park to pay for the light at the park with Evergy putting it in, seconded by Linda. Motion carried 3-0.  
Motion by Kevin to purchase a mig welder from Bumper to Bumper in the amount of \$1,314.79, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.
- d. Clerk- the 2023 Audit is well under way.  
Motion by Linda to purchase a Sonic Wall in the amount \$801.07, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.

### **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** –Put Council President nominations on the next agenda.  
Motion by Kevin to go into a 15-minute executive session with the mayor, Council, Clerk, Chief and Zac

to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.(9:13pm)

Back in regular session at 9:28pm

Motion by Kevin to go back into a 10-minute executive session with the mayor, Council, Clerk, Chief and Zac to discuss non-elected personnel, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0. (9:30pm)

Back in regular session at 9:40pm with no actions being taken from the executives.

**Mayor's Report**

Core Communities will be having a meeting in Hillsboro on February 1<sup>st</sup> if any council member would like to attend.

**V. ENCLOSURES:**

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

**VII. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by Richard to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm, seconded by Linda. Motion carried 3-0.

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**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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Jylle Wilson, City Clerk