

Approved

City of Peabody
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
June 27, 2022

Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Spencer at 7:02 p.m. in the Council Room at City Hall located at 300 N. Walnut, Peabody, Kansas. The following council members were present: Alan Gillen, Catherine Weems (by phone), Rick Reynolds and Lindsay Hutchison. Jay Gfeller was not present. A quorum was established.

STAFF: Bruce Burke – Chief of Police, Beth Peter – Court Clerk, Taylor Ensminger – City Clerk, Lori Pickens –City Treasurer, Darren Pickens – Public Works Superintendent

VISITORS: Linda Martinez, Becky Nickel, Shaun Entz, Pandeia Smith, Gene Schmill, Ron Traxson, Susan Mayo, Zac Thackston, Lynn Berns, Linda Wetta, Terri Tucker, Mary Olsen, Oscar Diaz

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES:

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 13th.

MOTION by Lindsay to approve June 13th minutes, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Rick abstaining.

II. APPROPRIATIONS:

PAYROLL 2022 6B	\$13,544.20
PAYROLL 2022 6B extra tax & benefits	\$13,665.70
PAYABLES 2022 6B	<u>\$30,502.83</u>
Total	\$57,712.73

MOTION by Lindsay to approve Payroll and Payroll tax & benefits 6B and Payables 6B, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nothing was discussed

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Lindsay to add Peabody Community Foundation and a 10-minute executive session to the agenda, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0.

V. AGENDA ITEMS:

Oscar presented information about Liberty national life insurance for city employees

Louis Litton was not in attendance

Becky Nickel had a presentation for the Peabody Community Foundation regarding housing in Peabody. There will be a community meeting on July 11th at 5:30pm at the Senior Center. They are conducting 25 interviews that the WSU Community Engagement Institute will compile data from. SCKEDD wants to help with HAT demographics and grant writing. PCF wants access to information such as statistical data regarding utilities, they want to interview council members and for them to attend the July 11th meeting, and they want commitment to administer any grant that is secured.

Terri Tucker spoke with Caring Hands in newton regarding a trap/neuter/release program and would like to present more information at the next council meeting on July 11th.

VI. EMPLOYEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS

Need to replace pump at the pump station but need to wait until the water goes down.

Nuisance properties are all mowed.

Drinking fountains at the park are all working

Need to purchase a new drinking fountain for the baseball field. The Rec Commission is going to contribute \$3,000.

MOTION by Lindsay to purchase what's in excess of \$3,000 for a new water fountain, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

Downtown is freshly striped. There was discussion about whether or not to stripe 9th Street.

Line locator no longer works. Darren is looking for a new one but doesn't have any prices yet.

Three trees at the City Park were cut down by Esthetic Tree Services. Discussion about water rates for the wind farm companies. New water meter installation will begin after July 4th. The curb in front of the Brown Gym at the High School needs repaired.

POLICE

The new siren system has been installed. There is a new procedure for manually starting the siren and for starting it via phone.

Bruce wants to send Officer Wilson to a class in Dodge City on July 11th and 12th to complete his training hours. One night's lodging is \$112.94. He wants to send Beth to two online training sessions in October. One for Managing Police Records and one for Redacting Records in Kansas. He wants to send Officer Wilson and Officer Brunner to Iowa for a free Interview and Interrogation class. They would drive one patrol car to Iowa and they qualified for free lodging.

MOTION by Lindsay to register Beth for both online training classes for a total of \$418.00, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION by Rick to send Officer Wilson and Officer Brunner to Iowa with 40 hour pay and travel time and food expenses, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 4-0.

Firework discharge times: June 27th-30th 8:00am-10:00pm, July 1st-4th 8:00am-midnight, and July 5th 8:00am-10:00pm

MOTION by Lindsay approve firework discharge times, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

Bruce contacted two companies regarding tree trimming on the truck route. Esthetic Tree Services has offered \$135 per hour if we advertise this in our monthly newsletter.

TREASURER

Lori spoke to the bank regarding pledge securities and learned that if we know we have a large deposit being made then to let them bank know to eliminate future problems. She also gave a report about hourly wages for other third-class city employees.

CLERK

General Obligation Bond is due to the Kansas State Treasurer on August 1, 2022.

MOTION by Lindsay to approve payment of the General Obligation Bond, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION by Lindsay to approve firework discharge ad in the Marion Record, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0.

Reports from Standing Committees:

1. **Water (Gfeller, Gillen)** – Nothing to report.
2. **Streets and Alleys (Spencer, Gfeller, Reynolds)** – Nothing to report.
3. **Sanitation (Spencer, Weems, Reynolds)** – Nothing to report.
4. **Lights (Reynolds, Gillen)** – Nothing to report.
5. **Park and Swimming Pool (Spencer, Hutchison, Gillen)** –

The fence is fixed at the park. One women's toilet is broken. One hole in the park needs filled before the 4th of July.

6. **Building (Gillen, Reynolds)**

Planning and Zoning held a public hearing for a floodplain variance. An ad needs published in the paper and letters need to be sent out to surrounding property owners.

MOTION by Rick to submit letter to state agency on behalf of the city for the delay regarding 107 and 109 N. Walnut St., seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Lindsay abstaining.

7. **Finance and Ordinance (Spencer, Weems, Hutchison)** –

There is a budget meeting on July 13th at 5:30pm

8. **Economic Development Committee (Gfeller, Hutchison)** – Nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning is searching for an ordinance from another city regarding fish ponds.

9. **Personnel (Spencer, Hutchison, Weems)** –

MOTION by Rick to enter into an executive session at 9:09pm regarding non-elected personnel matters, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 4-0.

Returned to regular meeting at 9:19pm

Report from the Mayor – Nothing to report.

VI. ENCLOSURES:

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VII. ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION by Lindsay to adjourn the meeting at 9:23p.m., seconded by Rick. 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)

Taylor Ensminger, City Clerk