

Approved

City of Peabody  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
June 13, 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, Jay Gfeller and Lindsay Hutchison. Rick Reynolds was not present. A quorum was established.

**STAFF:** Bruce Burke – Chief of Police, Beth Peter – Court Clerk, Taylor Ensminger – City Clerk

**VISITORS:** Joey Hutchison, Debbie Steele, Joseph Woellhof, Pandeia Smith, Ginger Whitney, Mark Penner, Joseph Woellhof

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. MINUTES:**

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on May 9<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> and the Special City Council meeting held on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTION** by Catherine to approve May 9<sup>th</sup> minutes, Alan seconded. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Lindsay abstaining.

**MOTION** by Catherine to approve May 31<sup>st</sup> special meeting minutes, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Jay abstaining.

**MOTION** by Catherine to approve May 31<sup>st</sup> regular meeting minutes, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Jay abstaining.

**II. APPROPRIATIONS:**

PAYROLL 2022 6A	\$12,371.52
PAYROLL 2022 6A extra tax & benefits	\$10,144.79
PAYABLES 2022 6A	<u>\$19,919.79</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$42,625.24</b>

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

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Nothing was discussed

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Request to add Planning & Zoning and Ginger Whitney to the agenda.

**MOTION** by Lindsay to amend and approve the agenda, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 4-0.

## **V. AGENDA ITEMS:**

Debbie Steele from the Marion Record would like to run a 4<sup>th</sup> of July ad in the paper on June 29<sup>th</sup> that includes a schedule of events. She presented last year's ad to the Council and said that she can do something similar and pictures can be changed.

**MOTION** by Lindsay to approve a \$45.00 signature ad and a 3x7 ad for a total of \$341.16, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 4-0.

Joseph Woellhof is requesting a few branches to be trimmed at the disc golf course. Jay told him that he needs to check with the Rec Commission and then have Public Works remove the appropriate branches. Jay also asked him to provide pictures at the next Rec Commission meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mark Penner informed the Council that the city fire truck needs to have a pump test performed this year. Someone is coming to test county trucks for \$250.00 each which is much cheaper than a private contractor would charge; however, this hasn't been scheduled yet. Lindsay asked him to reach out when he finds out more about scheduling.

Joey Hutchison, Planning & Zoning President, asked for a more precise process for approving building permit applications as well as a process for handling disagreements. Pandeia has been working on editing the Planning & Zoning Bylaws that will hopefully be ready to review by the Council at the next meeting.

It was discussed that Planning & Zoning would act as code enforcement and that they could hold a hearing to resolve disagreements. Lindsay suggested a grace period to review and approve building permits. Jay said the Economic Development Committee could help with approving building permits to expedite the process.

The Peabody Fall Festival Committee has decided to host this year's event at the City Park on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 11:00am to 5:00pm. If it rains, they may move downtown but won't block any streets. Ginger asked about blocking some of the rock roads at the park and having people park along the outside so there is less traffic congestion in the middle of the event. Lindsay suggested using one-way street signs and Bruce confirmed that the city does have a few of those signs. Ginger will speak to Darren to coordinate street signs.

### **Reports from Standing Committees:**

#### **1. Water (Gfeller, Gillen) –**

Catherine took a tour of the lift station with Darren to address the broken generator. Darren received one quote but the Council would like to see a few more at the next meeting.

#### **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)**

Jay has a fridge that the pool can have and Ginger said she may have a small microwave that she can donate to the pool. It was mentioned that the pool is struggling with staffing issues. Three lifeguards must be on duty for the pool to be able to open.

Lindsay wants to look for a solution for the sewer at the City Park because they're constantly full. Bruce suggested combining the sewer project with the building project that the Rec Commission wants to begin at the City Park. Catherine suggested having a combined meeting with the Rec Commission.

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

Jay spoke with the historical society about putting an estimate together to repair and paint the roundhouse at the City Park. He wants to discuss adding gutters to the building to help preserve it but would need to have approval for this as this isn't a historically accurate addition.

Bruce found mold testing kits that are non-invasive. He plans to order two tests for less than \$100 for the Police Department.

Josh Mackey temporarily repaired a window at the city building. This repair needs to be sealed/weather proofed for the time being.

7. **Finance and Ordinance (Spencer, Weems, Hutchison)** – Nothing to report.
8. **Economic Development Committee (Gfeller, Hutchison)** – Nothing to report.
9. **Personnel (Spencer, Hutchison, Weems)** – Nothing to report.

**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 Alan to adjourn the meeting at 8:10p.m., seconded by Catherine. 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)

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Taylor Ensminger, City Clerk