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City of Peabody
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
September 26, 2022

Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Hutchison 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: Alan Gillen, Catherine Weems, Lindsay Hutchison, Jay Gfeller, and Rick Reynolds. A quorum was established.

STAFF: Beth Peter – Court Clerk, Lori Pickens – City Treasurer, Darren Pickens – Public Works Superintendent

VISITORS: Linda Wetta, Vonnie Gfeller, Brian Whiteside, Tammy Whiteside, Faie Frederickson, Sharon Pickens, Mark Penner, Linda Martinez, Zac Thackston, Melissa Lieder, Daryn Martin, Pandeia Smith, Tina Spencer, Chris Carr

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES:

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on September 12th and the Special City Council Meeting held on September 14th.

MOTION by Catherine to approve September 12th minutes, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION by Catherine to approve September 14th minutes, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0.

II. APPROPRIATIONS:

PAYROLL 2022 9B	\$12,373.79
PAYROLL 2022 9B extra tax & benefits	\$10,643.68
PAYABLES 2022 9B	<u>\$30,303.86</u>
Total	\$53,321.33

MOTION by Catherine to approve appropriations, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mark Penner, Fire Chief, offered to donate time and labor if the city pays for materials to fix the concrete slab in front of the fire station.

Darren informed the council that the project has already been approved by Hett Construction and that they hope to start work at the end of next week.

Faie Frederickson and Sharon Pickens gave an update about Sunflower Theater events.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Catherine to approve the agenda with the addition of Melissa Lieder, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0.

V. AGENDA ITEMS:

Daryn Martin with Kansas Rural Water presented information about their apprentice program. The program is designed to be similar to a college course. The only cost to the city would be paying the employee's wages. This program is accredited by the Department of Commerce.

Lindsay discussed the Sausage House insurance letter that needs to be written.

Council reviewed the gWorks invoice for clarification.

Melissa Lieder said that their water bill was high this month and they haven't been watering since July. The council decided that more information needs to be collected to determine if this is a city issue.

Employee Reports

Public Works

MOTION by Jay to approve the purchase of a utility locator using sewer funds in the amount of \$6,265.97 from Ditch Witch, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 3-0.

Police

Beth notified the council that the Durango needs repaired.

Clerk

MOTION by Jay to approve City Clerk training at WSU in the amount of \$485.00 plus mileage and lunches, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 3-0.

Reports from Standing Committees:

1. Water (Gfeller, Gillen) – nothing to report

2. Streets and Alleys (Spencer, Gfeller, Reynolds) –

MOTION by Jay to approve street closures on Locust Street from Second to Division for Homecoming activities, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0.

3. Sanitation (Spencer, Weems, Reynolds) – nothing to report

4. Lights (Reynolds, Gillen) – nothing to report

5. Park and Swimming Pool (Spencer, Hutchison, Gillen) –

Everything has been winterized at the pool.

6. Building (Gillen, Reynolds) –

Council reviewed AAA estimate for City Hall repairs.

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

An error was made on the Notice of Hearing publication for the 2023 Budget. We need to have a new budget hearing to approve a new budget that does not exceed the RNR. Notice of Hearing has to be published in the October 5th issue of the paper. Will be working with the accountant to rework the budget.

Discussed Bulk Item ordinance and Animal at Large ordinance with City Attorney.

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

9. Personnel (Spencer, Hutchison, Weems) –

Make sure that all 3 available positions are being advertised.

Jay nominated Catherine Weems to be the City Council President.

Being no other nominations, Catherine Weems becomes the City Council President.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hutchison asks that the community has grace while things are being figured out and promises that the city will continue to have forward motion.

VI. ENCLOSURES:

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PAYROLL 2022 9B
PAYROLL 2022 9B extra tax & benefits
PAYABLES 2022 9B

VII. ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION by Alan to adjourn the meeting at 8:23pm, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 3-0.

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