

Approved

City of Peabody
Minutes of the City Council Meeting
May 31, 2022

Office of the City Clerk
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CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Spencer at 6:58 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, Rick Reynolds, Jay Gfeller (online) and Lindsay Hutchison. A quorum was established.

STAFF: Bruce Burke – Chief of Police, Beth Peter- Court Clerk, Lori Pickens-Treasurer, Darren Pickens-PW Director, Taylor Ensminger & Jylle Wilson –City Clerk

VISITORS: Joseph Uhlman, Pandeia Smith, Amy Elliott, Ginger Whitney, Zac Thackston, Linda Wetta, Devon Desrochers, Darin Neufeld

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I. MINUTES:

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council meeting held on May 9 and Special Meeting held on May 16;

MOTION by Lindsay to approve May 16th Special Meeting minutes as written, Catherine seconded. Motion Carried 4-0.

Minutes from May 9th meeting could not be approved. Will be discussed at next council meeting on June 13th.

II. APPROPRIATIONS:

PAYROLL 2022 5A	\$10,400.88
PAYROLL 2022 5A extra tax & benefits	\$9,688.79
PAYROLL 2022 5B	\$12,387.31
PAYROLL 2022 5B extra tax & benefits	\$10,285.28
PAYABLES 2022 5A	<u>\$79,593.04</u>
Total	\$122,355.30

MOTION by Rick to approve Payroll and Payroll tax & benefits 5A and 5B and Payables 5A, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 4-0.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Nothing was discussed

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Lindsay to approve the agenda with the addition of 10-minute executive Personnel executive session and a CMB License renewal, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

V. AGENDA ITEMS:

Amy Elliott presented the annual audit.

Amy is researching software to replace Clerkbooks.

MOTION by Rick to renew annual CMB License for Peabody Market, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0-1 with Catherine abstaining.

MOTION by Lindsay to accept the audit, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

Darin Neufeld with EBH has learned that the state removed CDBG funding for water system projects. No money will be awarded to rural Kansas.

Darin also said that Peabody does not qualify for USDA funding because Peabody water rates do not exceed the state average. Peabody does not qualify for of the three new KDHE water programs.

Darin stated that Peabody was not awarded cost share funding for resurfacing the three exits off of Highway 50 or for the repair of 7th Street.

Discussed timeline for the 4th Street project and it was decided to wait to see if costs will come down.

Devon Desrochers is adding a campground to his property. He asked for permission to connect to city water and sewer systems. Darren told him connecting to the water system would be fine but connecting to the sewer system would be unlikely. Since Desrochers property is in the county, Darren suggested installing a lagoon or septic tanks.

EMPLOYEE REPORTS

PUBLIC WORKS

Darren presented a bid to have two trees cut down in the city park for \$1,200. He stated that the company expects that the total amount will be lower. The company will knock the trees down and the Public Works department will haul them away.

MOTION by Rick to have Esthetic Tree Service remove two trees in the city park, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 4-0

Darren requested that a small plasma cutter be purchased.

Mosquito spraying will begin on June 1st and run on a bi-weekly schedule.

Darren reported that employee Zachary Thackston has been employed for one full year and is ready for an annual raise.

Catherine mentioned that there needs to be a formal system in place for granting raises.

MOTION by Rick to approve a \$1/hour raise for Zachary Thackston, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 4-0

POLICE

Chief Bruce Burke said that the siren system encoder has gone bad and needs replaced. For now, the siren will be activated manually. Bruce presented a bid from Blue Valley Public Safety for siren repairs.

MOTION by Lindsay to approve the quote from Blue Valley Public Safety to repair siren, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

Bruce has received complaints about low hanging trees on truck routes. He is going to contact some tree service companies and report back to the Council so they can begin possible development of an incentive program for property owners.

MOTION by Lindsay to send Officer Wilson to training in Wichita on June 16th , seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0.

Bruce is being proactive about barricades needed for July 4th festivities.

MOTION by Rick to approve the use of barricades for the July 4th holiday, seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 4-0.

TREASURER

Nothing to report.

CLERK

Father Kapaun pilgrimage walkers will be in Peabody on June 3rd and spending the night in the city park. MKC gas pumps will likely be out of commission for approximately two weeks.

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)**

Rec Commission would like to repaint lines on the tennis court and consider adding lines for a Pickle Ball court. They would also like to replace both tennis nets.

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

Discussed City Building window replacement
Water is leaking into the police department. There is concern about mold growing in the walls and causing sickness.

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

MOTION by Alan to recess into a 10-minute executive session with Council, Mayor, and Chief Burke to discuss non-elected personnel matters, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 4-0. (9:42pm)
Back in regular session at 9:52pm.

MOTION by Rick to elect Lindsay Hutchison as Council President through May 2023, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 4-0.

Report from the Mayor –

Mayor Spencer went over the quote of \$2,500-\$3,000 per window to replace all exterior windows of the City Building.

He thanked Jylle Wilson for seven years of service to the City of Peabody.

VI. ENCLOSURES:

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VII. ITEMS TO BE ON AGENDA FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS:

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT:

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

MOTION by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 p.m., seconded by Lindsay. 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