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City of Peabody  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
December 28, 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: Richard Baker, Catherine Weems, and Alan Gillen. A quorum was established.

**STAFF:** Taylor Ensminger – City Clerk, Zac Thackston – Public Works Superintendent, Beth Peter – Court Clerk

**VISITORS:** NM Patton, Linda Martinez, Brian Simmonds, Dennis Riggs, Draxa Langley, Tom Spencer, Pandeia Smith, Shayla Nesby, and Terri Tucker

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**MOTION** by Richard to approve minutes from the Regular Council Meeting held on December 12, 2022, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 2-0-1 with Catherine abstaining.

**II. APPROPRIATIONS:**

PAYROLL 2022 12B	\$4,976.99
PAYROLL 2022 12B extra tax & benefits	\$4,502.57
<u>PAYABLES 2022 12B</u>	<u>\$42,542.81</u>
TOTAL	\$52,022.37

**MOTION** by Catherine to approve appropriations, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

There was no public comment.

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

A request to add Dennis Riggs and the Park Maintenance Fund to the agenda.

**MOTION** by Richard to approve agenda with amendments, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 3-0.

**V. AGENDA ITEMS:**

Brian Simmonds with the Peabody Community Foundation was here to see if there was any update from the City Attorney regarding the Landbank.

Shayla Nesby with Kansas Municipal Utilities presented information about safety training opportunities for Public Works.

Dennis Riggs with Vintage Bank notified Council that they are beginning the process for building a drive-up ATM. In doing so, they need to replace the concrete in the alley. Dennis provided a quote from Hett Construction for \$14,859 to replace the concrete.

NM Patton with the Hart Park Foundation notified Council that there is approximately \$23,000 in the Hart Park Fund. He would like to put \$18,000 left over money in an endowed fund for park equipment maintenance, benches, and picnic tables. These funds would have to be requested every year.

**MOTION** by Catherine to establish the Peabody Park Playground Equipment Maintenance fund with \$18,000 to start the fund, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.

## **Employee Reports**

### 1. Public Works

Zac notified council that Microcom will let the contract carry over to January 1.

**MOTION** by Richard that we enter into Microcom agreement in January for \$2,000, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0.

Zac said that they are making changes to the burn pit to prevent fires on windy days.

**MOTION** by Richard to recess into a ten-minute Executive Session at 8:31 to discuss confidential data relating to financial affairs or trade secrets of second parties, seconded by Alan. Motion carried 3-0.

Return to Regular Session at 8:41

No action was had as a result of this Executive Session.

### 2. Police Report

Beth asked for approval for a \$50.00 Court Management Fee. Beth read a letter notifying Council of her resignation with her last day being January 12, 2023.

**MOTION** by Catherine to approve annual Court Management fee in the amount of \$50.00 and acceptance of Beth's resignation on January 12, 2023, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.

### 3. Clerk Report

Taylor notified Council of the mold inspection results.

**MOTION** by Richard to purchase swim floaties, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 3-0.

Lindsay notified Council that the City Attorney resigned with his last day being January 13, 2023.

## **Reports from Standing Committees:**

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

2. **Streets and Alleys (Gfeller, Reynolds)** – nothing to report.

3. **Sanitation (Weems, Reynolds)** –

**MOTION** by Catherine to use Eyestone Automotive to fix the sewer jetter pump for \$12,496, seconded by Richard. Motion carried 3-0.

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

5. **Park and Swimming Pool (Hutchison, Gillen)** – nothing to report.

6. **Building (Gillen, Reynolds)** – nothing to report.

7. **Finance and Ordinance (Weems, Hutchison)** – nothing to report.

8. **Economic Development Committee (Gfeller, Hutchison)** –

On Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>, Lindsay has a meeting with Johnathan from the Department of Commerce to discuss the BASE Grant.

9. **Personnel (Hutchison, Weems, Reynolds)** – nothing to report.

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**Mayor's Report**

Nothing to report.

**VI. ENCLOSURES:**

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

Brian Simmonds, PCF

ARPA Money

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

**MOTION** by Alan to adjourn at 9:39pm, 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.

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Taylor Ensminger, City Clerk