

Approved

City of Peabody  
Minutes of the City Council Meeting  
July 11, 2022

Office of the City Clerk  
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**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting was called to order by Mayor Spencer at 7:03 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, Rick Reynolds, and Lindsay Hutchison. A quorum was established.

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

**VISITORS:** Linda Martinez, Zac Thackston, Pandeia Smith, Linda Wetta, Rodger Charles, Joseph Uhlman, Louis Litton, NM Patton, Terri Tucker, Denise Jantz

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. MINUTES:**

The council reviewed minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup>;

**II. APPROPRIATIONS:**

PAYROLL 2022 7A	\$13,544.20
PAYROLL 2022 7A extra tax & benefits	\$10,567.62
PAYABLES 2022 7A	<u>\$21,746.32</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,858.14</b>

**MOTION** by Rick to approve June 27<sup>th</sup> minutes, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Jay abstaining.

**MOTION** by Catherine to approve Payroll and Payroll tax & benefits 7A and Payables 7A, seconded by Rick. Motion Carried 5-0.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

**IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Jay requests to add Rodger Charles to the agenda to discuss the Library Project.

**MOTION** by Jay to approve the agenda with additions, seconded by Catherine. Motion carried 5-0.

**V. AGENDA ITEMS:**

Joseph Uhlman discussed a proposed amendment to the Dog-At-Large Ordinance.

**MOTION** by Catherine to table this discussion until we speak to the City Prosecutor, seconded by Jay. Motion carried 5-0.

Louis Litton asked for an extension to clean his property.

Jay is going to put together a small group of volunteers to help with this.

Terri Tucker presented T/N/R Program information through Caring Hands.

Rodger Charles spoke with the state historical society engineers to get them interested in helping with funding for the front porch project.

The front concrete stairs are pushing against the building causing problems with the basement walls and floors. The new stairs will be moved away from the building and cut to reduce the weight making the entire porch the same height.

The inward opening front doors violate current safety codes and the bottom of the front doors have water damage. The Kansas Historical Society would like to see the front doors repaired. They could be made water resistant while removed.

The existing handrail is not original and is close to breaking. The handrail won't be necessary and can be removed once modified.

The bottom step is original and can hopefully be salvaged and incorporated into the new design.

The new front porch will be used to promote fine arts and public speaking events. Different community service groups can hold fundraising events. Adding benches will allow more comfortable access to the library walk in the late evening. Total estimated cost of \$100,000.00.

Rodger is asking for a letter of support from the city to submit to the state historical society

**MOTION** by Lindsay to submit a letter of support for the library project, seconded by Rick. Motion carried 5-0.

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

#### **1. Water (Gfeller, Gillen) –**

**MOTION** by Rick to purchase bulk water meter, seconded by Jay. Motion carried 5-0.

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

#### **3. Sanitation (Spencer, Weems, Reynolds) – nothing**

#### **4. Lights (Reynolds, Gillen) –**

A street light was repaired.

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

Blue and white merry go round was leaning because of broken welds. NM is getting this fixed. The new xylophone toy needs repaired. NM is talking to someone about this. Some dirt work needs done before planting grass seed.

Tom met with Mid-America Pool Restorations and they're supposed to submit two proposals. Pool deck chairs are breaking.

The Rec Commission is going to repaint and resurface the tennis courts and will be adding pickleball lines.

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

City Hall is falling down and windows need to be replaced.

Mold testing has been completed at the Police Department. A restoration needs to be contacted to fix the mold issue.

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

Budget meeting with Amy on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

Consider amending alternative vehicle ordinance to say that the vehicle needs to be registered with the city to operate within city limits and a driver's license is required to operate an alternative vehicle.

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

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

One lifeguard resigned. The plan is to keep the pool open regardless of how many patrons are there due to staffing issues.

**Report from the Mayor –**

Public Housing had a meeting today. We're waiting to see what the committee comes up with to move forward.

**VI. ENCLOSURES:**

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

Dog's-At-Large Ordinance

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT:**

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

**MOTION** by Rick to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m., seconded by Lindsay. Motion carried 5-0.

**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