### CROSSWORD

#### **CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Utilitarian fashion
- accessory
- 4. Engine additive
- 7. Macaws 8. Listens to
- 10. Self-righteously moralistic person

17. Ties the score

25. Midway between

27. Tennis great Arthur

northeast and east

Make fun of

19. Chum

20. Long ago

21. Localities

- 12. Made of wood
- 13. Chinese lute
- 44. Keyboard key 14. Beginning military rank
- 16. Indicates near
  - - 48. Covered stadium
    - 49. Sword handles

50. Longing or yearning

29. Construction location

32. One of the Fab Four

39. Formula 1 team

42. Lifting device

30. Cow's noise

31. Blue

41. Dash

43. Basics

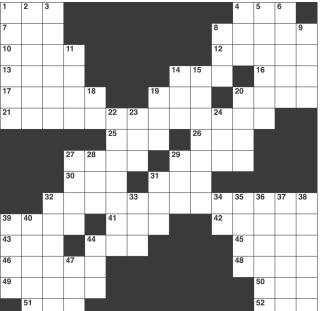
- 51. Creators' social
- network
- 52. Boxing's GOAT

### **CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Occur
- 2. Show up
- 3. Capital of Taiwan
- 4. Ocean
- 5. Givers and 6. Gets ready
- 8. Ad
- 9. Fit of irritation 11. Criminal organization
- 14. Exclamation that denotes disgust
- 15. American state
- 18. Sensor hub
- 19. Before 20. The boundary of a
- surface
- 22. Witnesses
- 23. Singular 24. Type of meal
- 27. Music awards show

- - 28. Former French coin of low value
  - 29. A bag-like structure in an animal
  - 31. Schenectady County Airport
  - 32. Calm down
  - 33. Partner to cheese
  - 34. Cola brand 35. Stepped on
  - 36. Japanese city
  - 37. Type of coating
  - 38. A citizen of Yemen 39. Popular breakfast item
  - corned beef
  - 40. On a line at right angles to a ship's length
  - 44. First responders
  - 47. Short-term memory

### Answers on Page A6



8

5

The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle

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Answers on Page A6 Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve

a Sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes

6

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1

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Level: Intermediate

9

### The issue was should 45. Old Irish alphabet the city remain with 46. Shaking of the Earth's

the amount of taxes the revenue neutral rate of 17.8 mills would allow for, or should the city accept the proposed tax increase going up to 20.8

BY ANNE JACKSON

The Sept. 8, 2025, meet-

First, the Revenue Neu-

tral meeting was opened.

ing of the Prescott City

Pledge of Allegiance.

Council opened with the

mills from the 19.4 mills of last year so that the city would not lose the amount of revenue coming in. Council member Zach Gillis reflected that as a homeowner, the increase would come from a raise in his property taxes. City

they didn't raise the mills, each coming year would generate even less income for the city. The motion was made

Prescott in search of new city clerk

and passed unanimously to accept the proposed change for the increased tax rate. Then a transition was

made to the budget meet-

ing, which had the pur-

pose of asking for public

comments on the budget. There were no comments, so a motion was made and passed unanimously to accept the proposed budget. The regular meeting was then opened and after the minutes and bills were taken care of, Sherri Olson was sworn in as the

A Prescott citizen, Brian Bloomfield, asked if the

ber for Ron Roberts.

replacement council mem-

city could trim the tree in the alley behind his garage. He'd like the whole tree taken down, but the arborist he spoke to can do nothing about the limbs hanging over the power lines. Evergy has rules about such potentially dangerous situations. An offer has been

made for the community building of \$45,000 cash or \$50,000 if the council wants to wait until the first of next year. Council member Fritz Norbury immediately asked if the building could be taken off the market. The rest of the council was in agreement that it now seems like a bad idea to get rid of it, so a motion was passed to take it off the market.

In new business, former Mayor Kevin Wood was

asked to come forward and accept a plaque expressing gratitude for the last 16 years of his service as

mayor for the city. The City Superintendent reported work has been done on roads, sewer, fire hydrants, trees, mowing

and more. Clerk Wood said the citywide garage sale will be Sept. 26-27. Then she asked about the Halloween party. It was decided to have the same prizes and candy distribution as last year on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 6:30 in the evening.

Council discussed a replacement for Clerk Wood and a motion was made and passed to take applications for a month so they could be discussed at next month's council meeting.

# **BUDGET:** Exceeds RNR

Treasurer Kathy Wood re-

minded the council that if

ty; either way, he said the district is in good shape as it all will mesh with warranty.

A 2010 Ford Fusion with 200,000-plus miles was

approved to be placed on surplus.

Substitute pay was increased from \$100 per day to \$120. Epps said area schools are at the \$120 level now.

Greenhouse bids were discussed as the pad is ready. Epps said cost is a factor on what size greenhouse the district builds. Water in the women's

restroom at the football

it. Commissioner Alison

field was mentioned; Epps said he'd get someone to look at it as board members commented its embarrassing for visiting teams to see.

## **COST:** Increase on software

Walton to sign a required cost share document for KDOT for the high-risk rural road project on County Road 1095.

- Approved an invoice from TerraCon on the berm work for the landfill project at \$7,479.
- Approved the hiring of Mike Nation as equipment - Opened bids for the

on-call engineer for the

ect on County Road 1095. Following a review of the bids received Walton recommended the commissioners approve the bid from Pfefferkorn. - Discussed the cost

high-risk rural road proj-

share application for the paving of a portion of Devlin Road with Walton asking for directives. Hightower stated he was still not in favor of

Hamilton agreed and stated she would rather see funds used for road studies. Later in the meeting Linn County resident Renee Slinkard spoke during public comment, asking commissioners to follow through with the application and then deciding on whether or not to move forward.

- Approved Cheryl

Carney and Steve Miller as appointments to the Linn County Planning and Zoning Commission.

- Approved the disbursement of 2025 funds of \$332,000 for the STARS vocational school as were previously approved and budgeted for.
- Approved the budget for the Conservation District.

# **SIGNAGE:** Change effects several intersections

FROM PAGE A3

sultants, Inc., Manhattan, for city facility improvements planning services not to exceed \$11,880.

-The council passed Resolution No. 483 to close Chestnut Street between 4th and 5th streets from noon to 3:30 p.m. Sept. 28 for the United Methodist Church's Backto-School Bash.

-The council passed Ordinance Nos. 1544 and

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1545, both of which can be found in this newspaper's legals section.

-The council okayed pay application No. 3 of \$30,945 to Hodges Farms & Dredging LLC, Lebo, for sewer lagoon desludging, part of the \$6.261 million wastewater rehabilitation project.

-The council approved payment of invoice No. 1 for \$14,102.18 to Midwest Iola, for engineering and construction inspection of water treatment plant improvements. -No public action fol-

Engineering Group, LLC,

lowed a 15-minute executive session for non-elected personnel employee performance.

–Mathies told city leaders that Austin Jones, part-time police officer, had resigned to devote

more time to K-9 duties in Anderson County and that Cameron Patton, a past Prairie Village officer, has been added part-time.

-Mathies reported an "eventful past two weeks" that had included a narcotics stop and a driver under the influence whose blood alcohol level registered 0.258. "We were glad to get him off the road," he said.

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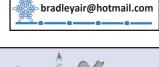
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