

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF
PERU, NEBRASKA ON THE 15th OF APRIL 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, were called to meet at City Hall at 614 5th Street, Peru, Nebraska 68421, on the 15th of April 2024, at 6:00 P.M., for a Regular Council Meeting, open to the general public, advance notice of said regular meeting, the designated method of giving notice, including the agenda for said meeting, or the availability thereof was posted at: Peru City Hall, Western National Bank (Bank of Peru), Peru Post Office, and Casey's General Store.

Mayor Dave Pease called the meeting to order and informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call

Present at 6:00 p.m.: Mayor Dave Pease, and Councilmembers Theresa Westfall, Katy Novak, and Brent Brown. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 17-105.

Agenda Item 2 – Recognition of Visitors

Mayor Dave Pease informed the public that a copy of City Resolution #2017-02 Pertaining to Conduct Rules for City Council Meetings may be requested from the City Clerk, and read aloud by Councilmember T. Westfall.

Agenda Item 3 – Public Hearing

None for this meeting

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

A.) Approval of Minutes

(i.) Approval of Minutes from March 18th, 2024 Regular Meeting

B.) Approval of Claims- the following claims were presented to the Council by the City Clerk, reviewed, and approved for payment:

Regular Claims:

JEO (Flood)- \$7,842.25 // Kinetic/Windstream (Internet / Utility) - \$840.93
OPPD (Gen / Utility) - \$2,216.37 // Black Hills Energy (Gen / Utility) - \$237.38
Personnel Payroll for check deposited 3/31 (Gen / Acct) - \$8,071.75 // Personnel Payroll for check deposited 4/15 (Gen / Acct) - \$8,723.45 // Payroll taxes for 3/31 and 4/15 (Gen / Acct) - \$4,565.89 // Xpress Bill Pay (Wtr/Swr) - \$92.13 // Access Systems (Gen) - \$173.36 // AKERS (Maint) - \$126.51 // American Recycling & Sanitation (Wtr/Swr) - \$2,570.00 // Auburn Auto Center (Gen) - \$778.10 // Auburn Board of Public Works (Wtr/Swr) - \$13,682.73 // Bound Tree (Res) - \$670.35 // Brent Lottman (Fire/Res) - \$126.86 // Casey's Business Mastercard (Gen) - \$823.34 // Cummins (Fire/Res) - \$674.90 // Eggers Brothers (Fire/Res) - \$156.64 // Farmer's Cooperative

(Wtr/Swr) - \$412.43 // First National Bank Omaha (Gen)- \$465.28 // Forestry Suppliers (Fire/Res) - \$2,653.63 // Grainger (Gen) - \$990.80 // Hamilton Equipment (Maint/Strt) - \$1,120.76 // Heather Pemberton, CPA (Gen/ Acct) - \$630.00 // Interstate Battery (Fire/Res) - \$184.31 // League of Municipalities Nebraska (Wtr/Swr) - \$65.00 // Ligouri Law Office (Gen) - \$4,362.15 // Miller Farrell Insurance Agency (Gen) - \$1,457.25 // Municipal Supply Co (Wtr/Swr) - \$290.46 // Nebraska Public Health Environment Lab (Wtr/Swr) - \$30.00 // One Call Concepts (Wtr/Swr) - \$16.34 // OPPD (Strt) - \$144.39 // Paper Tiger Shredding (Gen) - \$35.00 // Titan Rentals (Maint/Strt) - \$1,522.07 // Tori Schuetz (Gen) - \$646.82 // United Life Insurance Co (Gen) - \$67.62 // Utility Service Co (Wtr/Swr) - \$3,979.54 // WesTech (Wtr/Swr) - \$15,340.00 // Small Claims- Microsoft, Adobe, etc (Gen) - \$23.28

C.) Approval of Monthly Treasurer's Report

D.) Approval of resident K. Allgood's request for street closure for 2024 Old Man River Days, on Saturday, June 8th, 2024, closing 5th Street from 5th Street and California Street (5th Street Post location), to 5th Street and Main Street (KJ Whitehorse location), from 9:00am to 1:30am on Sunday, June 9th, 2024.

E.) Approval of Colton Hauptmann's application for membership to the Peru Volunteer Fire Department, and Madison Hammer's application to the Peru Rescue Squad.

F.) Acceptance of Zech Construction Inc's bid for demolition and clean-up of the property located at 600 5th Street, total bid cost of \$28,300.00.

Mayor D. Pease presented the Consent Agenda. Councilmember T. Westfall made motion to approve the Consent Agenda, except for items "C" and "F". The motion was seconded by Councilmember K. Novak. Upon roll call vote for approval of consent agenda items "A", "B", "D", and "E": 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE: B. Brown, T. Westfall, and K. Novak. The following voted NAY: None. ABSENT: Q. Kieler. Motion: Carried

Agenda Item 5 – Correspondence

G.) None for this meeting

Agenda Item 6 – Old Business

H.) Water report

Monthly water report submitted.

I.) Mayor's Report

Mayor D. Pease reported that the waterline has been performing well and has not had any major maintenance issues. Peru City Maintenance workers have been flushing hydrants, and still have more to get through. If residents are experiencing any issues with their water after a hydrant is flushed, they should contact the City Offices.

K.) Ordinance: No. 2024-01

Proposed Ordinance No. 2024-01 was presented for consideration on its second reading. The Mayor announced that the proposed Ordinance was in order. Councilmember T. Westfall moved that these proceedings be kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the “Ordinance Record of the City of Peru”, and that said volume be made part of these proceedings the same as though it were spread at large herein, which motion was seconded by Councilmember K. Novak. Council Member T. Westfall introduced the proposed ordinance as Ordinance No. 2024-01 entitled: ADDING SECTION 71.06 TO THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES; TO SET DESIGNATED TRUCK ROUTES & RESOLUTION(S) FOR SEMI-TRUCKS TRAVELING UPON CITY STREETS; TO PROVIDE FOR A WEIGHT RESTRICTION; TO PROVIDE FOR A PENALTY FOR VIOLATORS, TO REPEAL ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND SECTIONS THEREWITH’ AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. Councilmember T. Westfall motioned for a vote on Proposed Ordinance 2024-01, seconded by K. Novak. Upon roll call vote: 2 AYES and 1 NAYs, 1 ABSENT. The following members voted “AYE”: T. Westfall, and K. Novak. The following voted “NAY”: B. Brown, the following was ABSENT: Q. Kieler. Motion: Carried.

Agenda Item 7 – NEW BUSINESS

L.) City Building Inspector D. Hibler, providing updates on upcoming seasonal lawn maintenance policy reminder.

Building Inspector D. Hibler reminded all present parties that City Code §91.24 addresses lawn nuisances, and states that anything over twelve (12) inches in length shall be declared a nuisance. City maintenance workers will photograph the overgrown lawn, with a properly marked measuring stick, and it will be mailed to the property owner with a nuisance letter. The owner will have 5 calendar days to mow the lawn, if it is not mowed after five (5) calendar days, City maintenance staff will mow it, and bill the owner for costs incurred.

M.) City Accountant H. Pemberton

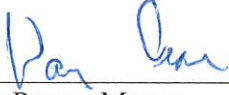
City CPA H. Pemberton provided an update regarding the status of the City’s annual municipal audit, as well as correspondence with the State Auditor’s Office and Dana Cole. The City has made several attempts for Dana Cole in Lincoln to perform the required audit. The previous auditor no longer works with Dana Cole, and it has been assigned to a new one. Due to the complications in the Peru City Offices in previous years, Dana Cole has been hesitant about working with the City again for another audit. H. Pemberton is working with the City Clerk and the State Auditor’s Office to make arrangements and have the audit completed. Further updates will be provided as they become available.

ADJOURNMENT

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Meeting adjourned on the same day at 6:33p.m.

HEREBY ATTESTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:



Dave Pease, Mayor



City Clerk

