

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON JANUARY 17, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.**

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, were called to meet at the City Hall at 614 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, Nebraska 68421, on January 17, 2023, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., in Regular Meeting, open to the general public.

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

Present at 6:00 p.m.: Mayor Dave Pease, and Council Members Cate Wyckoff, and Marty Peregoy. Council Member Quentin Kieler was present at 6:20 p.m., & Council Member Spencer Vogt was absent. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

Mayor Dave Pease informed the public that they may request from the City Clerk a copy of City Resolution #2017-02 pertaining to Conduct Rules for City Council Meetings.

**Agenda Item B – Consent Agenda**

B – 1 Approving Minutes of December 27, 2022, Special City Council Meeting

B – 2 Annual Appointments

B – 3 Standing Committee Appointments

B – 4 Approval of 2023 Holidays

B - 5 Approval of the renewal of the Maintenance Agreement and authorize the Certificate of Compliance between the Nebraska Department of Transportation and the City of Peru.

The Mayor presented the Consent Agenda. Council Member Mary Peregoy removed items B – 2 and B – 3 from the consent agenda to be taken up with discussion. Council Member Q. Kieler made a motion to approve the consent agenda subtracting items B -2 and B – 3. C. Wyckoff seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows, Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Council Member S. Vogt: ABSENT; Motion Carried 3-0.

Agenda Item C – Payment of Claims. The following claims were presented before the Council for ratification: Westech, Temp WTP-14,740.00; JEO, Peru WTR SYS. IMPROV.-42,035.00; JEO, Peru WTR SYS. IMPR ROW ARCH SVC-2,288.75; JEO, Peru WWTF Repairs-873.75; JEO, Peru road Program-1,000.00; OPPD, Ut-1,080.29; OPPD, Ut-172.64; Arban Excavation, Water line repair-1,581.39; Winwater, pipe procure.-7,000.00; Verizon, Ut-120.03; Utility Service Co., Elevated city tank-3,979.54; NE Affordable housing trust, Gr.-12,363.45; Heather L. Pemberton, Acc.-651.83; Black Hills Energy, Ut-174.59; Access Systems, gen.-925.93; American Recycling and Sanitation, San.-8,316.00; SENDD, Dues/Mem.-997.20; SENDD, PRR insp.-300.00; One Call Concepts, Loc.-11.50; AT&T, gen.-54.92; Eakes, gen.-188.07; Field Fire, equip-5,557.80; Miller Farrell Ins., Ins.-2,327.75; Auburn Newspapers, pub. Notice-674.17; Pitney Bowes, post.-241.02; Kinetic Business, WTR Treat. Plant-500.10; Auburn Auto Cent., gen.-25.00; Gallagher Bassett, gen.-1,128.40; The Market, gen.-59.60; Neb. Pub. Health Enviro. Lab, gen.-30.00; Hawkins, supplies-1,070.63; Board of Pub. Works, contract labor-4,787.11; Quick Med Claims, sup.-162.94.

Council Member Wyckoff commented that the totals of the claims did not match the expenses, these are automatically calculated and need to be verified and corrected.

Council Member Q. Kieler made the motion to approve the claims presented on the condition that the claim "Winwater, pipe procure.-7,000.00" be struck. Council Member M. Peregoy seconded the motion. The discussion was had. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: NAY; Council Member S. Vogt: ABSENT; Mayor Pease, as tiebreaking vote: AYE; Motion Carried 3-1.

The Council then took up the two items that were removed from the consent agenda. B-2 and B-3.

Agenda Item B-2 – Annual appointments. Council Member C. Wyckoff made a motion to approve annual appointments, and Council Member Q. Kieler seconded the motion. The discussion was had regarding the appointment of the City Accountant, as well as the wording of the appointment of the City Attorney. The list of annual appointments shall be available in the office of the City Clerk. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Council Member S. Vogt: ABSENT; Motion Carried 3-0.

Agenda Item B-3 – Standing Committee Appointments. Council Member Q. Kieler made a motion to approve standing Committee Appointments, Council Member C. Wyckoff seconded the motion. A discussion was had regarding the swapping of individuals from one committee to the other. The list of Standing Committees and members of each Committee shall be available in the office of the City Clerk. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Council Member S. Vogt: ABSENT; Motion Carried 3-0.

Agenda Item D – Old Business:

Agenda Item D – 1 Water Report. The Mayor informed members of the Council as well as members of the Public that a copy of the Water Report can be found in the office of the City Clerk.

Agenda Item D – 2 Mayor's Report. Mayor Pease reported that there are potholes that need to be fixed; that a JEO status meeting was had; that a waterline leak will likely affect the January water report, and that the leak caused damage to a culvert, which has then caused the closure of an intersection; that City Maintenance workers are behind schedule for reading meters; that the brush pile has remained an ongoing issue, and that the City will need to gain permission from the state to burn the brush pile; and finally, that Peru State College has asked the City to postpone their request to rezone and to vacate portions of 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Agenda Item D-3: Disaster Recovery Coordinator report. The grant for the position ends sooner than we thought so my position will end on Feb. 28. The 5<sup>th</sup> street project received a short window of extension for the grant we received need to pick the contractor by end of February. JEO assured us we shouldn't have an issue, they are going to bid this month. Time-sensitive needs to be on the February 1<sup>st</sup> Special Council meeting agenda.

Americor has two possibilities, a group of students' preliminary applications approved. We are moving to the application phase. No cost to the city except supplies for projects. CCCFFS grant letter of intent to apply for that grant potentially for playground equipment. I need to know how much we are going to put toward that project. It has to be matched 1 to 1. Deadline on February 14. MP if we were to call a special meeting for purpose of voting focused on American rescue funds for Sid Brown Park playground equipment. \$132,000 and \$50,000 set aside and awarded in December leave the city with \$82,000 in other grants we are looking at as well. We do have to give a budget, how we are paying for it. Can always phase it the week before it's due (the first week of February). Jim Warrelman, SENDD house project. there is a house available at 712 Nebraska, Peru, Nebraska that meets the specifications of this program, SENDD is the proponent for this program. There is currently a Hazard mitigation grant moving on with but no one has responded to our RFP request for a proposal. Meeting with businesses about ways to help the community. How we can encourage other businesses to the community Downtown revitalization survey is out. On the Facebook page Nemaha County COAD meeting on Friday to help serve the entire county.

New Business, Agenda Item F-1: Correspondence. American Recycling is changing the day of trash pick-up, from Tuesdays to Mondays, effective 1 February 2023. Notices have been posted and will be included in January's Water Bills.

New Business, Agenda Item F-2 (a): Motions for Consideration by Council. The request was made to obtain a new credit card. With the sale of Orscheln and the transition to Tractor Supply Company, the current card will be terminated. The requirement is to have a generic credit card that can be used anywhere, with a maximum limit of \$2500.00. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member Wyckoff: YEA; Motion Carried 3-0.

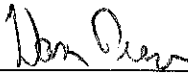
New Business, Agenda Item F-2 (b): A request for reimbursement was made by Mr. Ken Kracke, for \$9.82, for the purchase of water as a result of a waterline disruption. Mr. Kracke lives outside the city limits, the city provides the water, but they do not maintain the waterline. This situation stems from an agreement that took place in 1962, where the eight residents along this tract of land, were responsible for the waterline repairs. Mr. Kracke was not familiar with this agreement, when he purchased his home recently, this information was not disclosed by his realtor. This motion was tabled, pending additional information about this agreement, and whether it remains in force currently.

New Business, Agenda Item F-3 (a): Resolutions. Resolution No. 2023-01: Designation of Official Depository of City Funds and Approval of Authorized Representatives and Signers. Roll Call Vote as Follows: Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

New Business, Agenda Item F-3 (b): Resolution No. 2023-02: Authorizing the Mayor's Execution of a Temporary Construction Easement on 100 feet of the City of Peru's property, adjoining the Peru Levee, for the completion of Levee repairs and construction. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

New Business Agenda Item F-3 (c): Resolution No. 2023-03: The Appointment of Mr. Evan Wickersham, as the 2023 City of Peru, Street Superintendent. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

With there being no further business, Council Member M. Peregoy made a motion to adjourn. Roll Call Vote as follows: Council Member Q. Kieler: AYE; Council Member M. Peregoy: AYE; Council Member C. Wyckoff: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.



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Dave Pease, Mayor



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Dave Slater, City Clerk/Treasurer