

MINUTES OF AN **EMERGENCY MEETING** OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON THE 21st DAY of JANUARY, 2026 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 21st of JANUARY, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., for an EMERGENCY MEETING. This meeting was open to the general public.

Advanced notice was given at 10:00am on January 21st, 2026 to the Nemaha Valley Observer, pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, and further notice was posted by 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), and the Community Bulletin Board at 11:00am on the same day.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call

At 6:00pm a roll call was taken and the following was recorded for attendance.

PRESENT – Mayor Katy Novak; Councilmembers Rachel Brown, Theresa Westfall, and Josh Whisler.

ABSENT – Councilmember Brent Brown.

A quorum was declared pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 17-105.

Agenda Item 2 – Recognition of Visitors:

Mayor Katy Novak 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.

Agenda Item 3 – Emergency Business:

Mayor Katy Novak stated that pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute §84-1411, City Council may only consider emergency business during an emergency session. All other business is not allowed.

A. STATEMENT OF EMERGENCY: The Purpose of this Emergency Council Meeting is to Address the Water Line Breakage and Repair thereof at 700 Washington Street.

Mayor Novak stated the purpose of this emergency meeting is to address the water line breakage and repair thereof at 700 Washington Street. There was no further discussion and no action was taken.

B. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Authorization to install “4-inch Hydra-Stop Insertion Valve” from Municipal Pipe Service at 700 Washington Street. | *Agenda Item from Maintenance Department*

Maintenance Supervisor Donald Roberts addressed the council regarding an emergent water line breakage at 700 Washington Street. He explained that the water to the property was unable to be shutoff without shutting the water off to the rest of the city. And that turning the water off and back on

to the rest of the city may result in more water line breaks. He recommended that council authorize a “hot tap” which would install a new valve on the water line on 7th Street while the line is active.

There was discussion about how the city was planning on conducting this repair. There was further discussion about cold weather impacts and the timing of this repair. There was discussion about the equipment that would be used and any warranties from the vender. There was no further discussion.

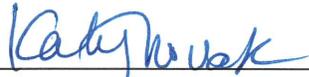
Councilmember T. Westfall moved to approve item 3B, “Authorization to install “4-inch Hydra-Stop Insertion Valve” from Municipal Pipe Service at 700 Washington Street.” J. Whisler seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:
J. Whisler – AYE, T. Westfall – AYE, R. Brown – AYE, B. Brown – ABSENT.
On this vote, the AYES are 3, the NAYS are 0 with 1 marked ABSENT.
Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 4 – Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned on the same day at 6:12pm CT.

HEREBY ATTESTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:



KATY NOVAK, MAYOR



DENNIS KIRKPATRICK, CITY CLERK

