**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON DECEMBER 19, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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, Council Members Ethan Coatney, Spencer Vogt, and Marty Peregoy, and Councilmember Quintin Kieler. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the October 24, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Kieler made the motion to approve the minutes as amended by the Council; Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion; Discussion was had: the minutes are to be amended to reflect that Q. Kieler was absent for item 11 and the roll call vote to adjourn. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember S. Vogt: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE and Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Motion Carried 4-0.

The Council reviewed the minutes from November 14, 2022, Board of Health Meeting. Council Member Coatney made the motion to approve the minutes while Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember S. Vogt: AYE; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE and Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Motion Carried 4-0.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the November 21, 2022, Regular City Council Meeting. Council Member Kieler made the motion to approve the minutes as amended by the Council; Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion; Discussion was had: the minutes are to be amended to correct that PCGI stands for Peru Community Impact Group; Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember S. Vogt: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE and Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Motion Carried 4-0.

Voting on the December claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01 were tabled until December 27, in which the City Council will hold a special meeting.

Voting on the December claims still needing to be paid was tabled until December 27, in which the City Council will hold a special meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Pease stated that the monthly water report can be found in the clerk’s office.

The Mayor reported that we were using 50 gallons per minute last month and that was an additional 30-40% of water usage

Mayor Pease stated that we may need to put up a big sign or even a trail cam or something at the dump site because of the problems the City is having with people dumping things they should not be dumping at that site. Mayor Pease also talked of closing the dump site if this problem is not abated, as the lessees would like that extra land to farm.

Alan Slater with the Board of Public Works also informed Mayor Pease that the heater for the emergency generator at the water plant has failed and needs to be replaced. Napa has one for 83.00 plus tax we would need to get two gallons of antifreeze. The Mayor approved the purchase

Deborah Solie, Disaster Recovery Coordinator Report:

***LTRG (Long-Term Recovery Group)*** is dis-banning soon and reconvening as COAD. COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster) is a group of community organizations, businesses, nonprofits, and individuals working together to plan community responses to a variety of emergency and disaster situations. This organization does not take the place of the Emergency Management Program. Each town in the county will have a voice at the COAD. Ms. Solie will be asking people if they would like to nominate a member. They are meeting in January to finalize bylaws and discuss county-wide feedback.

***Income Survey*** Eric Teggerstran, Project Manager, Midwest Assistance Program spoke with us about doing an Income Survey. This company helps rural areas in every state for free. He would like to include a simple 1-page income survey in our water bills with a stamped return envelope. It was mentioned by Council Member Peregoy that a lot of people get to pay their bills online so they do not look at their water bills. Eric and Deborah are going to look into other possible ways of reaching out to all (including college students) residents (City of Peru Facebook etc,). They would like to have the surveys out in January. The income survey data will be used when seeking grants/loans.

***5th Street Project*** We go out to bid to start this project in January. A bid will be accepted and plans to start this project will begin as soon as the students leave in May.

***Hazard Mitigation*** We are moving forward with this process. All owners on the North end were sent letters to see if they were still interested

***Purchase Rehab and Resale Program*** SENDD has identified a home and is working with appraisers to prepare paperwork for the January 2023 Council meeting. Their goal is to have the City purchase its first home, and if possible, identify two more homes for purchase by February.

***Downtown Revitalization planning with UNL*** Planning starts in January with a community survey followed by a public meeting with Q&A around March and then the final project submitted to City Council in May.

***Playground Equipment – Sid Brown Park*** Total cost for the playground equipment is $141,000 (this includes the equipment, their company putting the equipment up, and the rubber on the ground). The CCFF Grant will only cover half of that. Deborah asked what the City would be willing to pay to help cover the expenses. Mayor Pease wanted our building inspector to look at the plans. No action was taken on the amount of money to put forward until there was clarification from our CPA, Heather Pemberton.

***Allocation of ARPA Funds*** Businesses in Peru were given the opportunity to receive funds from ARPA as part of the Covid money. The only business that made application for extra funds was The Market. Council Member M. Peregoy made the motion to allocate $50,000 to The Market receiving the check from the City of Peru. The motion was seconded by Q. Kieler. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE and Councilmember S. Vogt: AYE; Motion Carried 4-0.

At this time, the meeting was adjourned Sine-Die. Motion by Council Member M. Peregoy and seconded by Q. Kieler. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE and Councilmember S. Vogt: AYE; Motion Carried 4-0.

The Council Meeting reconvened, and the new council sat.

Deputy Clerk read the Certified Election Results from Nemaha County Clerk. Mayor Pease asked the write-in, Cate Wyckoff, if she received her certified letter and she stated she had. Cate Wyckoff and Marty Peregoy took their oaths of Office.

Council Member Quintin Kieler was appointed Council President. Motion made by Council Member S. Vogt and seconded by M. Peregoy. Roll call vote as follows: Q. Kieler: AYE; S. Vogt: AYE; C. Wyckoff: AYE; M. Peregoy: AYE. Motion carried 4-0

Annual Appointments were tabled until the January 16th, 2023, regular City Council meeting.

City Council Standing Committee Appointments were tabled until the regular January 16, 2023, Council meeting.

2023 Street Superintendent Appointment was tabled until the regular January 16, 2023, City Council Meeting.

Approval of the 2023 Holidays was tabled until the regular January 16, 2023, City Council Meeting.

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 was tabled until the regular January 16, 2023, City Council Meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Pease stated that all employee appraisals were done by him this year. Council Member Q. Kieler made a motion to approve the employee appraisals. It was seconded by S. Vogt. After discussions with Council Member M. Peregoy; Roll call vote as follows: Councilmember C. Wyckoff: AYE; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember M. Peregoy: NAY and Councilmember S. Vogt: AYE; Motion Carried 3-1.

Council member Q. Kieler made a motion to approve the recommendation that employee bonuses should be a $200.00 gift card to the Market. The motion was seconded by S. Vogt. A discussion was had. Roll call vote was as follows: Councilmember C. Wyckoff: AYE; S. Vogt: AYE; Q. Kieler: AYE; M. Peregoy: AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

Peru State College’s Al Hottovy provided a PSC project update. A discussion was had about vacating parts of 4th street, and about a zoning variance for the height of the dome, due to the fact that where the dome will sit is currently zoned as residential. All actions on these matters were tabled for further consideration.

Discussion with Al Adams, Peru Levy Manager, about the Temporary Easement requirement for 100 feet of city property adjoining the levy was tabled until the regular January 16th, 2023 meeting.

Discussion on permits/licenses and requirements for food trucks was tabled until the regular January 16th, 2023 meeting.

With no further discussion or agenda items, Councilmember Peregoy made a motion to adjourn and Vogt seconded. Roll call vote as follows: Councilmember C. Wyckoff: AYE; S. Vogt: AYE; Q. Kieler: AYE; M. Peregoy: AYE. Motion carried 4-0.

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Dave Pease, Mayor

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Angela Allgood – Deputy Clerk