



AGENDA
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEMAHA COUNTY, NEBRASKA
TO BE HELD AT **6:00 PM** OR AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE
MARCH 17th, 2026

* * * **CALL TO ORDER** * * *

This is an open meeting of the Peru City Council, MARCH 17th, 2026. The City of Peru abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted on the east wall in these City Council Chambers as required by state law.

The City Council may vote to go into **Closed Session** on any agenda item as allowed by state law.

1. ROLL CALL

_____ Mayor K. Novak _____ T. Westfall _____ J. Whisler _____ B. Brown _____ R. Brown

2. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Members of the public may request from the City Clerk a copy of City Resolution #2017-02 pertaining to Conduct Rules for City Council Meetings. City Resolution #2017-02 may also be read aloud by either a Councilmember or the Mayor.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

The Consent Agenda shall be presented by the Mayor or City Clerk at the beginning of the Council session. Items within the Consent Agenda may be removed at the request of anyone Councilmember. Items not removed from the Consent Agenda may be adopted by general consent without further discussion or debate. Removed items may be taken up either immediately after the Consent Agenda or placed later within the agenda at the discretion of the Council.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

(i.) Approval of Minutes from the February 17th, Regular Council Meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF CLAIMS:

(i.) Ratification of Claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01.

(ii.) Claims still needing approval.

C. APPROVAL: Special Designated Liquor License for the “BBQ Contest” on 5th and Olive during Old Man River Days. | *Agenda Item Request from Kim Allgood.*

D. APPROVAL: The Closure of 5th Street from Main St. to Park St. for Old Man River Days on June 6th, 2026 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. | *Agenda Item Request from Peru Community Impact Group (PCIG)*.

E. APPROVAL: The Closure of 5th Street from Main St. to Park St. for Trunk or Treat on October 25th, 2026 from 2:00pm to 6:00pm. | *Agenda Item Request from Peru Community Impact Group (PCIG)*.

F. APPROVAL: Acceptance of the following donations to Parks and Recreation Commission; David and Susan Pease - \$50.00, Doubletake Farms, Inc. - \$200.00. | *Agenda Item from Parks and Recreation Commission*.

4. OLD BUSINESS

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Bids for the Lease of Pasture Land East of Neal Park | *Agenda Item from Previous Meeting*.

H. CITY REPORTS:

- (i.) Water Report
- (ii.) Mayor's Report
- (iii.) Clerk's Report
 - (1.) Financial Reports, March 2026.
- (iv.) Grant Report
- (v.) Facilities Report

I. COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

(i.) Parks and Recreation Commission, (ii.) Board of Health, (iii.) Finance Committee, (iv.) Water and Sewer Committee, (v.) Streets and Alleys Committee.

J. REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS:

5. NEW BUSINESS

K. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Reimbursement of Plumber Bill Due to Broken Meter at 1101 6th Street. | *Agenda Item Request from Jasmine Cash*.

L. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Issuance of Building Permit for Stacey Baldwin for the construction of a "New Garage" at 720 Washington Street. | *Agenda Item from Ryan Conn of Conn Construction*.

M. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Quote from Arban Excavating for the Repair of the Sewer Line on 5th Street. | *Agenda Item from Maintenance Department*.

N. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Authorization of additional \$1,500 for the purchase of an in-grade slide. | *Agenda Item from Parks and Recreation Commission*.

O. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: Proposal from HBE for Auditing Services for 2025-2027 Fiscal Years. | *Agenda Item from City Clerk / Treasurer.*

P. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03: AN ORDINANCE REPEALING ORDINANCE NO. 2024-05 WHICH COMBINED AND MERGED THE POSITIONS OF DEPUTY CLERK AND GRANT COORDINATOR POSITIONS; REESTABLISHING THE POSITIONS AS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT OFFICES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. | *Agenda Item from Theresa Westfall.*

Q. ORDINANCE NO. 2026-03: (First Reading) AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPENSATION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS; FIXING COMPENSATION OF THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN PAMPHLET FORM; AND TO PROVIDE THE EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF. | *Agenda Item from Theresa Westfall.*

R. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02: (First Reading) A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. | *Agenda Item from Theresa Westfall.*

S. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, IMPLEMENTING AN AMENDED MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEE "ON-CALL" POLICY TO BEST SERVE THE COMMUNITY DURING EMERGENCY INFRASTRUCTURE ISSUES AND SNOW AN/OR ICE REMOVAL DEMANDS, AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. | *Agenda Item from Theresa Westfall.*

T. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PSC Past Water Billing Issues | *Agenda Item from Finance Committee and City Clerk/Treasurer.*

6. ADJOURNMENT

*Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, April, 21st, 2026 @ 6:00pm CT
Peru City Hall - 614 5th Street, Peru, NE 68421*
