**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON MAY 16, 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, and Council Members Ethan Coatney, Quentin Kieler, and Marty Peregoy. Councilmember Spencer Vogt was absent. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from April 18, 2022, regular council meeting. Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

Council Member Peregoy made the motion to approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01. The motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney; Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember M. Peregoy: AYE; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

Council Member Coatney made motion to approve the claims still needing to be paid. The motion was seconded by Council Member Peregoy; Discussion, Roll Call Vote Councilmember M. Peregoy; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

RAKA Rental - $1,101.28 (wtr); WesTech - $13,400.00 (wtr); JEO-$73,600.25(wtr,sts); OPPD-$1,268.10(gen,wtr,p&r,sts,rurfr,fr,res);Windstream-$657.37(gen,wtr,p&r,sts,rurfr,fr,res); Verizon-$40.01(wtr);Casey’sMasterCard-$1,047.46(sts,rurfr,res,)CardServices-$163.73(wtr,gen);BlackHillsEnergey-$176.00(gen,fr,rurfr,res); Access Systems-$151.06(gen); Utility Service Co-$3,460.47(wtr); Auburn Newspaper-$148.41(gen); Miller Farrell Insurance-$7,710.00(gen); Neb. Public Health Enviro. Lab-$258.00(wtr); Pitney Bowes-$473.62(gen); Hawkins-$1,413.07(wtr); Auburn Auto Center-$88.52(sts); Peru Fire Department-$115.00(fr,rurfr); Municipal Supply-$227.05(wtr); One Call Concepts-$3.96(wtr,swr); American Recycling & Sanitation-$3,725.29(san); Xpress Bill Pay-$61.75(wtr,swr) The Flower Shoppe-$245.00(gen); Harold Hitch-$10.63(wtr); Bound Tree-$132.68(res); IIMC-$175.00(gen); First Wireless,Inc.-$1,262.03(fr,rurfr,res); Grainger-$12.65(sts); Brent Lottman-$249.33(fr,rurfr,res); Lewis Implement-$6,300.00(fr,rurfr,res); AKRS-$162.87(fr,rurfr,p&r); Burr Farms-$125.00(sts); Eggers Bros.-$170.30(fr,rurfr,res); Eakes-$52.30(gen)

General(gen), Streets(sts), Water(wtr), Sewer(swr), Parks & Rec(p&r), City Fire(fr), Rural Fire(rurfr), Rescue(res), Grant(grnt). Sanitation (san)

The City Clerk reported that the May 2022 Hwy Allocation was $5,321.19, and the February 2022 City Sales Tax was $3026.88. The clerk updated the council about the fire hydrant on Park Avenue, the potential of her and the Disaster Recovery Coordinator being able to work with a playground company on grants that would better Sid Brown Park, and where the insurance stood on the City Hall roof.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Pease states that the monthly water report could be found in the clerk’s office. While the iron and manganese levels were still good. The city would start to work with JEO to organize an outage for yearly maintenance on the water treatment plant.

Mayor Pease informed everyone there was no Mayor’s Report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1.** No bids were submitted for the clean-up and removal of the nuisance at 820 2nd Street. Council requested that the clerk go back out for bid and extend the ad to the Nebraska City newspaper as well as the Tecumseh newspaper. It was also requested to include being able to accept bids via fax or email. No formal action was taken by Council.

**Item 2.** Vanessa Sherman from Peru Community Impact Group gave the final schedule to Council for Old Man River Days. She stated that Friday will be the kickoff with the silent auction starting. Saturday will be the fish tournament, car show, music, food, and kids’ carnival. The Fire Department will hold its luncheon fundraiser in City Hall. Things to enjoy in the afternoon will be music bingo, a talent show, and a pet parade. Sunday there will be things going on a Duck Creek for families to enjoy.

**Item 3.** Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Deborah Solie, provided an update to the council on multiple items. The Purchase Rehab Resale grant is currently on hold due to a lack of qualified homes for sale. SENDD and the city will be completing an extension request for these projects. The City Clerk has facilitated the first drawdown of this program for The Market and Solie discussed holding various meetings with community members and The Market owners to help build excitement and brainstorm opportunities for collaboration. The Long-Term Recovery Group is looking into the future and discussing a possible transition to a larger geographic service area by becoming a COAD (Community Organizations Active in Disaster). Pre-apps are due for CDBG-DR funding by June 10th. The city will work alongside SENDD to make sure those are submitted. This pre-application is for potential funding that could be used as a match for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program that would clean up the north end of town.

**Item 4.** Council briefly discussed how to disperse ARPA funds to The Market. Solie stated the funds could be dispersed as a grant or as a loan. Council requested further information before making any formal decision.

**Item 5.** Council reviewed the Tobacco License Application for The Market FLC, LLC. Councilmember Peregoy made motion to approve the tobacco license application for The Market FLC, LLC. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kieler. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

**Item 6.** Council reviewed pay application #1 for the water system improvements pipe procurement contract. After a brief discussion Councilmember Kieler made motion to approve pay application #1 for the water system improvements pipe procurement contract. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Coatney. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Motion Carried 3-0.

**Item 7.** Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2021 Wastewater Treatment Facility was not discussed due to a lack of information from the contractor.

**Item 8.** Pay Application #4 for the 2021 Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project was not discussed due to a lack of information from the contractor.

**Item 9.** The City Clerk started looking into a new health insurance program called League Insurance Government Health Team (LIGHT) that is offered through the League of Municipalities. After a brief discussion with the Council, it was suggested to gather further information that could be considered for the next budget year. No formal action was taken by Council.

**Item 10.** Council discussed the hours of operation for the Splash Pad at Sid Brown Park. After a brief discussion council agreed to start with 7 days a week from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The Mayor and Clerk could then communicate about the amount of usage and leave the decision up to the mayor about changing those hours if need be.

**Item 11.** Councilmember Coatney started the discussion about making sure curb stops are properly located so water service can be disconnected for non-payment. He stated that 1916 8th Street is one concern because when the city had permission to locate the curb stop the job was put to a stop. Council discussed the options that the homeowners had in order for the city to locate the stop. The best option would be to install a new curb stop in the right of way and also install the remote read. The City Clerk will reach out to the homeowners about how they would like to proceed. No formal action was taken by Council.

**Item 12.** Councilmember Kieler requested that the old shredder, 6-way blade for the 4020, and the mini excavator all be placed on Big Iron and auctioned off since they are no longer used. After a brief discussion Councilmember Kieler made motion to auction off the old shredder, 6-way blade for the 4020, and the mini excavator on Big Iron. Councilmember Coatney seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

**Item 13.** Council discussed the purchase of a side-by-side in the future. Councilmember Kieler felt that this would help slow down the wear and tear on the trucks for the constant stop-and-go jobs. The City Clerk will include this potential purchase on a list of potential budget items for the next fiscal year.

**Item 14.** Council reviewed quotes that were submitted to the city for crack filling on Park Avenue and 5th street. Mayor Pease would like to see an armor coat put on Park Avenue after the cracks were sealed. Council further discussed the price difference between Tri-State Contractors and the Asphalt Paving Company. With no further discussion, Councilmember Kieler made motion to approve the quote from Asphalt Paving Company for the crack sealing on Park Avenue and 5th Street. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Coatney. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

**Item 15.** The 1st reading of Ordinance No. 2022-01 – An ordinance 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 Peregoy made motion that the minutes of these proceedings will be kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the “Ordinance Record of the City of Peru, NE. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Coatney. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0. Councilmember Peregoy then introduced the proposed ordinance and read Ordinance number 2022-01. Councilmember Peregoy made motion that said proposed ordinance no. 2022-01 be approved on its first reading and its title agreed to. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Coatney. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Motion Carried 3-0. Mayor Pease then declared Ordinance No. 2022-01 approved on its first reading and its title agreed to.

With there being no further business, Council Member Coatney made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote as follows, Councilmember E. Coatney: AYE; Councilmember Peregoy: “AYE”; Councilmember Q. Kieler: AYE; Motion Carried 3-0.

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Dave Pease, Mayor

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Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk &Treasurer