

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON THE 21st DAY OF APRIL 2025 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 March 2025, at 6:00 P.M., for a Regular Meeting, open the general public advance notice of said regular meeting, 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 Peru Post Office.

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

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. Said resolution was read aloud by Councilmember T. Westfall.

Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call

Present at 6:00 p.m.: Mayor Katy Novak and Councilmembers Theresa Westfall, Josh Whisler, and Rachel Snyder. Upon roll call, a quorum was declared pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 17-105.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Hearing

City of Peru 2025 Water Cost of Service Study Update, presented by T. Westfall from the finance committee. Purpose was to inform the public of the changing water rates, as there was a water rate study done, it was planned to happen after the connection to Auburn actually took place and that Auburn is now raising our rates per our contract with them. Then T. Westfall read from the report as follows:

JK Energy Consulting, LLC (JKEC) is pleased to submit this letter report to the City of Peru, Nebraska (City) and its water utility, summarizing the findings of the 2025 Water Cost of Service Study Update (2025 Update). In 2022, the City completed a water and wastewater cost of service and rate design study (2022 Study). The 2022 Study recommended the City implement a 44% rate increase on October 1, 2022 (for FY 2023) and a 7% rate increase on October 1, 2023 (for FY 2024). The City Council approved the rate increases as recommended. The 2022 Study also indicated that an additional rate increase of 4% in FY 2025 may be necessary to ensure adequate revenue to cover projected expenses. The purpose of the review was to provide the City with an analysis of its water rates and determine if existing rates collect sufficient revenue to pay for projected operating expenses in FY 2025 through FY 2028. The approach to this rate review consisted of several steps. Retail water sales, operating expenses, non-retail revenues, and other financial information were collected. Test year expenses for FY 2025 were projected, and future expenses were projected through FY 2028. A rate plan was developed to meet the financial goals established by the Utility. The allocated cost of service for each rate class was calculated and compared to revenue from existing rates. New rates were developed, and a rate ordinance was prepared. A written report was prepared and presented to City staff for review before submitting it to the City Council. The purpose of preparing projected financial results is to compare projected revenues with expenses and determine the need for future rate increases. Projections were prepared for the period FY 2025 through FY 2028 based on information provided by the City. The following parameters were used to develop the test year budget and the projected financial results. 1. Historical and projected results were prepared based on the Utility's fiscal year (October 1 through September 30). 2. FY 2024 actual expenses were used as the basis for the FY 2025 test year budget, with normal escalation and adjustments for other known changes. The most

significant change was implementing the purchased water agreement with the Auburn Board of Public Works (BPW). 3. Operating and maintenance expenses, administrative costs, and other internal expenses were projected to increase at a rate of 3% annually. 4. Water sales were projected to remain stable (no increase or decrease). 5. The cost of service was prepared on a cash basis, including \$50,000 per year in capital improvements and debt expenditures and excluding depreciation. The following conclusions were reached, based on the information provided and analyses completed: 1. The projected test year budget for FY 2025 was approximately \$258,000. 2. Projected water revenues from existing rates are approximately \$179,000 for FY 2025. 3. Existing water rates would need to increase by approximately \$79,540, or 44.5%, to provide sufficient revenue to pay projected FY 2025 test year expenses. The following recommendations were developed based on the analyses completed and conclusions reached:

1. Water rates should be increased 9% on July 1, 2025, and 9% on July 1, 2026. This equates to an average monthly residential bill increase of \$4.49 in July 2025 and \$4.87 in July 2026. The rate ordinance included in Appendix A would implement these rate increases. (NOTE: The City plans to implement the proposed FY 2025 rate increase of 9% effective with the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2025, and the proposed FY 2026 rate increase of 9% effective with the first full billing cycle after July 1, 2026. The proposed rate changes being implemented will result in additional revenue in FY 2025 that is not shown in the projected operating results in Table 2.) 2. The Utility should plan on additional 9% rate increases in FY 2027, FY 2028 and FY 2029 to help ensure full funding of capital improvement needs 3. The Utility should evaluate its rates if an unexpected expense, capital improvement needs or change in usage occurs between now and FY 2027. If any of these occur, it may be necessary to consider additional rate increases.

T. Westfall concluded – Auburn has raised our rates since we are finally connected. With that we would be spending \$258,000 a year, and only bringing in \$179,000 a year. The yearly deficit would be \$79,540. This rate increase would be approximately \$4.49 per month. Basically it's \$2.50 per household and then \$0.56 per thousand. There were questions about the City's old facilities, and it was explained that the old plant was torn out, and wells have been capped. K. Novak said that she had just toured the new booster station serving Peru, she shared that two of the employees who live in Peru told her that they didn't think that, given the nitrates in the water around here, that we could have reasonably treated our water correctly. There was some back and forth about whether it was worth it, but in the end, the contracts were signed, and the booster station was built, so it is done. There was some conversation about the drought and the water ban, but again it is what it is. With no additional comments Mayor Novak closed the public hearing.

Agenda Item 3 - Water Report

Mayor Novak shared that the water report is available to the public, in city office, during business hours

Agenda Item 4 – Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes: Approval of Minutes from the March 17th, 2025 regular meeting.

B. Approval of Claims: The following claims were presented to the Council by the City Clerk, review, and approved for payment: Regular Claims: Black Hills Energy (Fire/Rescue) - \$128.12 // Black Hills Energy (Gen/Utility) - \$58.58 // Kinetic/Windstream (Internet/Utility) - \$918.76 // OPPD (Gen/Utility) - \$1,272.05 // OPPD (Streets) - \$1,333.44 // Personnel Payroll including tax & retirement for check deposited 3/31 (Gen/Acct) - \$13,601.96 // Personnel Payroll including tax & retirement for check deposited 4/15 (Gen/Acct) - \$13,033.31 // Quick Med Claims (Fire/Rescue) - \$394.12 // Access Systems (Gen) - \$184.45 // Action Technology (Gen) - \$618.90 // American Recycling & Sanitation (Wtr/Swr) - \$2,660.00

// Auburn Board of Public Works (Wtr/Swr) - \$436.61 // Auburn Board of Public Works (Wtr/Swr) - \$19,812.56 // Auburn Newspaper (Gen) - \$652.46 // Bound Tree (Rescue) - \$934.73 // Casey's Business Mastercard (Gen/Maint) - \$653.33 // Dave Feldman (Gen) - \$300.00 // First National Bank (Card) (Gen) - \$2,063.41 // Heather L. Pemberton (Gen) - \$649.00 // Jena Gerdes, Nemaha Treasurer (Gen) - \$12,088.10 // JK Energy (Wtr/Swr) - \$2,000.00 // Metering Technology (Wtr/Swr) - \$69.50 // Moran Plumbing (Wtr/Swr) - \$2,395.00 // Municipal Supply (Wtr/Swr) - \$6,475.70 // NAPA – Bulldog (Wtr/Swr) - \$136.11 // Ne Public Health Enviro Lab (Wtr/Swr) - \$500.00 // Ne Rural Water Assoc (Wtr/Swr) - \$455.00 // One Call (Gen/Maint) - \$15.03 // Rose Equipment (Streets) - \$2,166.99 // Sara Harms (Gen) - \$160.00 // Shipley Flooring (Gen) - \$90.00 // Ty's Outdoor (Park Maint) - \$383.99 // United Life (Gen) - \$41.67 // Utility Service (Wtr/Swr) \$3,979.54.

C. Approval to spend \$200 from the Park & Rec account to purchase candy to sell during the softball tournament.

D. Approval to re-establish a utility account and have OPPD restore power to the baseball field, this will be a Park and Rec commission expense.

E. Approval to remove all abandoned light poles from the North End.

F. Approval to remove two Cottonwood trees from Laura Neal Park \$1,000 to be paid out of the park maintenance fund.

Mayor Katy Novak presented the Consent Agenda. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote for approval of consent agenda: 4 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None, ABSENT: B. Brown. Motion: Carried

Agenda Item 5 – Old Business

G. Mayor Report: Mayor Novak reported she has had a busy month of meetings. First with the Town Hall, sharing the opportunity for a Housing Grant and the opportunity that will bring more needed housing to the City, and invited everyone to attend the next Town Hall that will be held on May the 6th at 7pm. She had also been busy firming up the final plans for the City-Wide Cleanup Day the college sponsors, and reminded everyone to take advantage, and get their trash out to the curb for pickup on Friday May 2nd. K. Novak said she was on the presidential search committee for the replacement for the President, she sees positive in terms of working with the college and the college, knowing what we're doing is to build and strengthen ties with the college. The colleges facility manager has been invited to join the water and street committee meetings, these being something that impacts the college and gaining cooperation between both.

H. City Clerk Report: T. Riehle reported that she and M. Williams had attended the Clerks Academy, they learned much and have a lot to put into practice.

I. Grant Report: Update on the waterline loop at the North End. It is now in the state engineers' hands. They're going over it. They've reached back out and asked for some more clarification. JEO's working with me so they're hoping to be able to. Add it to the current grant that we have because it should have been the engineer from the state said it should have been included in kind of school to date you a little bit, but other than that that's done. So, it's a wait and see game right now. North End update. It is officially closed. We have cleaned it up. They came and filled up her down to the GPS coordinates and

pictures. We have finally closed that chapter in Peru. Now the payments that they owe us for everything. Has been submitted and with the government the way it is right now, she cannot give me a definite date when we will get it. But it's done. We can close the book. There's A three-year monitoring program.

J. Facilities Report: There was an inspection of the lagoons, and we ran into a few issues, so the maintenance crew has been working hard to fix things. All the fencing has been repaired, the overgrowth has been shredded and weed control will be done the next week. The work and cleanup of Neal Park continues, with the removal of some large dead trees and pulled out the old rusted bent swing set out, still removing trash and fallen limbs, the dirt works continues and that will be followed by seeding. The work on the 4th street loop should be moving forward so we can get the two houses on 4th hooked up. Splash pad meter will be put back in, and they will be testing the system to make sure there are no issues. The proposed hours will be noon to 8pm. Of course, the ability to open it at all will depend on the water ban that is currently in place. There have been problems with the East building and the dumping of things that are not White Goods, someone keeps taking the gate off at the hinges to get in and illegally dump things. A small old wooden garage on the East building lot was caught on fire. We had two pieces of equipment stored in that building (a hot box and a small mosquito sprayer) and they were a total loss. Phil talked about the need to replace three fire hydrants that have become unusable. Work continues with the FEMA lots on the north end, prepping the soil in order to spread seed.

K. Committee Reports: 1. T. Westfall chair of Streets & Alleys, she shared that there is only one spot left on the downtown business sign at the entrance to Peru. The downtown businesses have shared that they are getting comments on it. She spoke about a bid for work on the curb and gutter inlets on 5th street, this will be replacing the curbing, raising up the street so that the water properly funnels and channels. The inlets created will take the water under the street keeping the street from deteriorating. The work will begin when the contractor is ready, in the past the contractors have been asked to do the work during a specific time frame, which has been the reason the work has not been done at all. The cost of the curb and gutter with the previously approved mill and fill goes \$7,277 over our \$200,000 lid funds. However, other than general maintenance, we had not planned on using any of our street funds this year from the highway allocations, so there are still funds and we are not going into the negative. So, it is the opinion of the Street and Alley Committee that this is the most important project we can do. The use of the additional \$7,000 funds is highly recommended. There was discussion about the rerouting of traffic and notifications to the public during these repairs. It was decided that will be done with street signs, public notices and Facebook postings. Theresa also shared a map with the locations of the streetlights that will be installed on 6th and 7th streets. The addition of these poles will add approximately \$87 dollars to the bill, this cost will come out of the street budget. The Nemaha Co Sheriff has installed a speed radar sign as you come into town. This is a result of the request for the student senate request to council a few months back. 2. Lottman Chair of the finance Committee was not able to be at the meeting, but he provided the following report, and it was read by T. Westfall: During the monthly meeting of the Finance Committee, The April Finance Committee meeting did not result in any major observations or surprises. A couple of items that were mentioned and are being worked on are the following: The Clerk is working to split out costs to appropriate budgets that in the past have been lumped into General. The Committee is wanting to work with the accountant to make this more easily accomplished. The Deputy Clerk is working to recoup additional costs related to the 2019 flood that have not been previously submitted. This is good, but adds additional variables to determining the exact expenses and reimbursements relating to the flood, waterline, etc. With the income tax deadline past, there is hope that both the audit firm and accountant will be able to collaborate in getting all of

the finance pieces to where they need to be. As of this moment, there are no recommendations, as the individual departments with the smallest budgets seem fine and while there is nothing glaring with the larger expenditure departments the above will help to allocate actual expenses. A question was asked of the Mayor by T. Westfall, about her latest contact with Ryan of Dana Cole, he told K. Novak that he would start on our audit right after April 15th. 3. R. Snyder of the Solid Waste Committee the committee is recommending an increase to \$16.00 per which will be voted on later in the meeting. She explained that the committee will be planning to survey the community about their interest in a recycling program for Peru and that they will be gathering information about types of programs and cost associated with them. 4. N. Novak of the Park and Rec Commission: The big push is to get softball field cleaned up and ready for the tournament in June. He thanked Phil for meeting a few of the commission members at the fields to go over some of the projects and ideas they had and offer some insight on how to go about the fixing the fence, clearing trees, and repairing dugouts and getting the concession stand ready to go. The commission is also working on getting a 1-, 5- & 10-year plan ready or the parks. Finishing the playground, trail system, and improvements to Laura Neal Park also.

L. Update on 314 Mulberry Street: Given by K. Novak, Mayor: The requirement for a survey to be completed was met and submitted to the city.

Agenda Item 6 – New Business

M. Approval: of up to \$300 towards City Wide Cleanup supplies for volunteers

Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to approve up to \$300.00 towards citywide clean up supplies for volunteers. the motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. No discussion was had. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 absent. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

N. Approval: 4H is requesting a budget of \$250 to plant flowers in the 8 planters downtown as a 4H project. This will be led by Cailyn Winkelman.

The question was asked how this was going to work and T. Riehle the city clerk explained that based on what has occurred over the last two cleanups that I've been employed here. Two years ago, the college had college kids planting various flowers in these 8 planters. Last year Traci went and picked out the flowers. She had spent \$200 on the plants and the college students did the planting. The 4-H director is a florist; she will have the kids plant them the Saturday after the clean-up. T. Westfall added that she helped Caitlin get this on the agenda, she said she plans on it being very bright and vibrant, flowers and all drought resistant, so that if we are still in the middle of a drought this summer, it will not take much water and they will still remain bright and beautiful. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to approve the \$250 for flowers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote for budgeting the \$250 and approving the 4-H club planting the flowerpots: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 absent. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

O. Discussion and Possible Approval: R. Snyder acting chair of the solid waste committee opened the discussion about proposing open hours for the green waste dump. The proposed hours are the maintenance crew's working hours of 7am – 3pm during the weekdays and 8-5 on the first Saturday of the month, which would require overtime pay. These hours are proposed until we can install cameras. There have been problems with people dumping the wrong things out there and this can result in some pretty heavy fines. Phil brought up this issue also exist for the White Goods dump as well. There was

also discussion about what can be done to keep the dump accessible and not create a situation that would result in overtime for the city maintenance crew. The conclusion was reached that on the first weekend of the month the dump would be left open thru out the entire weekend, Friday morning thru Monday afternoon. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to approve the open hours for the green waste dump. The proposed hours are the maintenance crew's working hours of 7am – 3pm during the weekdays (not including holidays) and 7am on Friday to 3pm on Monday on the first weekend of the month, which would require no overtime pay. These hours are proposed until we can install cameras. The motion was seconded by Councilmember R. Snyder Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, R. Snyder, K. Novak. The following voted NAY: J. Whisler. Motion: Carried

P. Discussion and Possible Approval: The solid waste committee is proposing to conduct a survey of Peru residence to determine if there is an interest in having some sort of recycling program, and a study of what types of recycling opportunities and programs available and the cost associated with them. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to approve the conduct a survey of Peru residence to determine if there is an interest in having some sort of recycling program, The motion was seconded by Councilmember R. Snyder. There was no discussion. Upon roll call vote for acceptance of this payment: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE: T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: NONE. Motion: Carried

Q. Discussion and Possible Approval: The upgrade of the chair/table racks for the Big Room in City Hall, this will take up less room, be much easier to maneuver. The cemetery auxiliary has offered to split the cost so they will buy one rack and the city the other. The cost per rack is \$258.99 Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to upgrade the chair table racks for the big room in City Hall. It will take up less room. It will be easier to maneuver we need all that. The cemetery auxiliary will split the cost and buy one of the two racks. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Discussion was held. T. Westfall stated the cemetery Auxiliary Board has agreed the where's the table one, the table one is old and metal and it's just dying to give somebody tetanus. It's difficult to maneuver when you're having an event in city. Hall. The chairs are cumbersome. Also. The current racks scratch the floor. These are double high. The tables can go on the bottom and the chairs can hang on the top. The cemetery auxiliary uses the room a lot for community when we are doing funeral meals. So, the auxiliary has agreed to pay for one, if the city will pay for the other. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

R. Discussion and Possible Approval: Request from Council to give K. Novak and M. Williams permission to file the papers for the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund Grant for the construction of two new houses in Peru. This is in place of the former request for PSC Foundation to submit this application. Now the City will be spearheading this project. And that M. Williams will act as the local contact on the application and, that the City fully understands that they will be the entity that enters into a contract with the Department and will be responsible for project compliance throughout the affordability period. The city is aware that the cycle began on February 20th, 2025 and applications are due May 22, 2025. Also giving SENDD permission to access our AmpliFund portal for help in administering this grant with the city. K. Novak explained that this is tied to the Town Hall that just occurred, with the help of the foundation which has contributed \$65,000 to this project, it can only be used for affordable housing, energy efficient housing that will be brand new to the city. There is a need for housing, and this could also entice employees of the college to make Peru their home. This is a 10%

match fund, and the houses would sell for \$200,000. There are incentives like first time homebuyers to help get their down payment down. They have to qualify; they have to be low to moderate income. A family of four can make \$111,000 to qualify. They are nice. 2 bedrooms, 2 bath, unfinished basement. The lots would be ones that the city already owns or will be donated by the foundation. We sell two this year we sell one next year we sell one next year it's projected to put about \$500,000 into our housing fund. We can then go out to duplexes. The money can be put it back in for the next grant season, and we can just keep building. We can go with affordable rentals. We can do whatever the city wants to do from there. The college has not asked for any of this money back when we complete the build of all the houses, it's ours, free and clear, along with the lots that would be donated to the city. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion Move to give the mayor and grant coordinator permission to file the papers for the Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund grant for the construction of two new houses in Peru. This is in place of the former request for approved State College Foundation to submit the application. Allowing the grant coordinator to act as the local contact on the application and that the city fully understands that they will be the entity that enters into the contract with the department and will be responsible for the project compliance throughout the affordability period. The city is aware that the cycle began on February 20th and applications are due on the 22nd of May. This also gives send permission to access our ample fund portal for helping and administering this grant with the city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

S. Discussion and Possible Approval: The Park & Rec Commission are asking permission from council to send out a letter to the residents of Peru, soliciting for monetary donations to fund the playground in Sid brown park. Postage will be paid by the commission. A copy of the letter was supplied. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to give permission to Park & Rec to distribute a fundraising letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

REQUEST WAS MADE TO MOVE ITEM "T" TO THE END OF THE AGENDA

U. Discussion and Possible Approval: The Hot Box, asphalt patching machine was lost in a fire. The cost to replace this is \$2,199.00. Insurance has been contacted; it is unknown if this loss will be covered. This request is either in conjunction with the insurance or in lieu of it. The discussion was related to the need for this piece of equipment and the possibility of getting replacement cost from the insurance. This is a vital piece equipment for maintaining the streets, and this is the pique time of year for its use. It needs to be replaced regardless of insurance money Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to purchase the Hot Box regardless of insurance reimbursement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember R. Snyder. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

V. Discussion and Possible Approval: The medium size mosquito fogger was lost in a fire. Fogging will begin mid-May. The cost to replace this is \$4,890.90 Insurance has been contacted, it is unknown if this loss will be covered. The need for this to be replaced is minimal due to the face that we own a larger one in good working order. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to only replace this only if both items were completely covered by the total cost in the insurance claim. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

W. Ordinance No. 2025-04: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, TO UPDATE THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN FEES AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF PERU FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING AND USE, PET LICENSING, WATER TAPPING, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, AND CITY KEY DISTRIBUTION; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-04 was presented for consideration on its second reading. The Mayor announced that the proposed ordinance was in order. Councilmember T. Westfall moved that these proceedings be kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the "Ordinance Record of the City of Peru," and that said volume be made part of these proceedings the same as though it were spread at large herein, said motion was seconded by R. Snyder. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted "AYE": T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. Motion Carried. Council Member T. Westfall introduced the proposed ordinance as Ordinance No. 2025-04 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE ORIGINAL CHAPTER 93 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION WHICH SHALL BE ENTITLED "93.11 KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK"; CREATING POLICIES FOR KEEPING LIVESTOCK WITHIN CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREIN; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE. Having read Ordinance 2025-04, Councilmember T. Westfall moved for its approval on its second reading and its title agreed to, which motion was seconded by Councilmember R. Snyder. Discussion was held that this ordinance we started reading last time, but there has since now been the water rate study update. So, my intention would be to vote this down so that we can include the water rate study with the whole package, which would be later on in this meeting. No further discussion was held. Upon roll call vote: 0 AYES, 3 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following Council Members votes "AYE" none the following voted Nay: T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder, Motion Failed.

X. Ordinance No. 2025-05: (suspension of the rules) **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, TO UPDATE THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN RATES, FEES, CHARGES, COLLECTIONS AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF PERU FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING AND USE, PET LICENSING, WATER SERVICES, WATER TAPPING, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, AND CITY KEY DISTRIBUTION; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE.** The Mayor announced that the introduction of the proposed Ordinance 2025-05 is now in order. Councilmember T. Westfall moved that these proceedings will be kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the "Ordinance Record of the City of Peru.," and that said volume be made part of these proceedings the same as though it were spread at large herein, said motion was seconded by J. Whisler Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted "AYE": T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. Motion Carried. Council Member T. Westfall moved to suspend rules for Ordinance 2025-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, TO UPDATE THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN RATES, FEES, CHARGES, COLLECTIONS AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF PERU FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING AND USE,

PET LICENSING, WATER SERVICES, WATER TAPPING, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, AND CITY KEY DISTRIBUTION; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE. Council member R. Snyder seconded for the suspension of rules. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following Council Members votes "AYE" T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder the following voted Nay: none Motion Carried. The Mayor declared the statutory rules in regard to the passage and approval of Ordinances be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2025-05 might be introduced, read by title and then moved for final passage as the same meeting. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-05 now comes on for reading. Council Member: T. Westfall read Ordinance 2025-05, AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, TO UPDATE THE AMOUNT OF CERTAIN RATES, FEES, CHARGES, COLLECTIONS AND TAXES CHARGED BY THE CITY OF PERU FOR VARIOUS SERVICES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BUILDING AND USE, PET LICENSING, WATER SERVICES, WATER TAPPING, SOLID WASTE COLLECTION, AND CITY KEY DISTRIBUTION; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02; TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF; AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE. Council member T. Westfall moved for final passage. Motion was seconded by council member R. Snyder. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following Council Members votes "AYE" T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder the following voted Nay: none Motion Carried. The passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2025-05 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, I declare said Ordinance No. 2025-05, adopted and approved as said Ordinance No. 2025-05 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, by subscribing my name thereto and the Municipal Clerk of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, attesting my signature by subscribing her name thereto and affixing thereon the seal of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, and order that said Ordinance be published pursuant to Nebraska Law as provided therein

Y. Discussion and Possible Approval: Approve purchase of Generator Service Contract. Council member T. Westfall motioned to approve the purchase of the generator service contract. For discussion, we had this postponed until the passage of the water rate increase, which we just did. This is included maintenance of our generators, so we don't just have to buy new ones. Is included in our cost to run our water system. It was seconded by Council member J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following Council Members votes "AYE" T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder the following voted Nay: none Motion Carried.

Z. Ordinance No. 2025-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE ORIGINAL CHAPTER 93 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION WHICH SHALL BE ENTITLED "93.11 KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK"; CREATING POLICIES FOR KEEPING LIVESTOCK WITHIN CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HEREWITH; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREIN; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE. Proposed Ordinance No. 2025-03 was presented for consideration on its second reading. The Mayor announced that the proposed ordinance was in order. Councilmember T. Westfall moved that these proceedings be kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the "Ordinance Record of the City of Peru," and that said volume be made part of these proceedings the same as though it were spread at

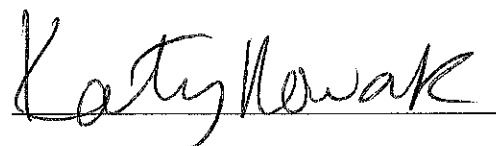
large herein, said motion was seconded by J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted "AYE": T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. Motion Carried. Council Member T. Westfall introduced the proposed ordinance as Ordinance No. 2025-03 entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA, AMENDING THE ORIGINAL CHAPTER 93 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING AN ADDITIONAL SECTION WHICH SHALL BE ENTITLED "93.11 KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK"; CREATING POLICIES FOR KEEPING LIVESTOCK WITHIN CITY LIMITS; REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS THEREOF IN CONFLICT HERewith; MAKING VARIOUS FINDINGS AND PROVISIONS RELATED TO THE SUBJECT MATTER HEREIN; SETTING AN EFFECTIVE DATE HEREOF AND ORDERING THE PUBLICATION OR POSTING OF THE ORDINANCE. Having read Ordinance 2025-03, Councilmember T. Westfall moved for its approval on its second reading and its title agreed to, which motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. No discussion was held. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following Council Members votes "AYE" T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder The following voted Nay: none. Motion Carried. The Mayor declared that said Ordinance No. 2025-03 be approved on its second reading and its title agreed to.

AA. Discussion and Possible Action: Approval of JB Excavating proposal to replace curb, gutter and inlets for the 5th Street project, \$103,146.30. Councilmember T. Westfall made a motion to approve JB Excavating proposal. The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

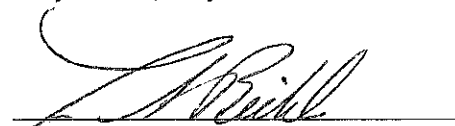
T. Discussion and Possible Approval: Replace 3 unusable/non-functional fire hydrants at 2nd and California; 2nd and Oregon; 5th and California. The city has the hydrants and parts, so all is needed is the cost of labor. The cost of instillation per Hydrant is \$2,000.00 The motion was seconded by Councilmember J. Whisler. Upon roll call vote: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT. The following voted AYE T. Westfall, J. Whisler, R. Snyder. The following voted NAY: None. Motion: Carried

Meeting adjourned on the same day at 7:25 p.m.

HEREBY ATTESTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:



Katy Novak, Mayor



Traci Riehle, City Clerk

