**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON OCTOBER 19, 2020 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 were: Mayor Dave Pease, and Council Members Marty Peregoy, Jason Jones, Ethan Coatney, and Spencer Vogt. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the September 21, 2020 regular Council meeting. Council Member Coatney made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Vogt seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk reported that July 2020 city sales tax was $3,279.60, October 2020 highway allocation was $9,702.58 and the 1st District Municipal Equalization deposit was $21,819.86.

Council Member Peregoy made the motion to ratify and approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01. Motion was seconded by Council Member   
Coatney, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Council Member Jones addressed the Mayor and Council on claim to Jim Smith in the amount of $2,950.00. Mayor Pease stated Smith was authorized to do the street repair but wasn’t aware it would be that amount. Attorney Ligouri noted that the Council could approve the cost if the work completed is worth the $2,950.00. Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the claims still needing paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

JEO-$1,500.00 (wtr); WesTech-$15,750.00 (wtr); NMC Rental-$1101.28 (wtr); OPPD - $3,112.53(gen,sts,p&r,wtr, fr, rurfr); Windstream - $62.21(fr,res); Casey’s - $531.68(sts,fr,res); Card Services -$70.00 (gen); Black Hills Energy - $103.73 (gen, fr, rurfr); Access Systems -$ 137.89 (gen); Quick Med Claims - $17.56(res); The Cleaners-$24.00 (gen); Lynch’s Hardware-$12.64 (gen); AKRS Equipment - $22.82(sts); NAPA-$147.09(sts,fr); SUEZ-$3460.47(wtr); Auburn Newspaper-$155.31(gen); Brent Lottman -$ 895.43(res,fr,rurfr); Heiman Inc-$48.95(fr,rurfr); Board of Public Works-$5,499.53(wtr); Purchase Power-$45.93(gen);Eakes Office Solutions-$85.61(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation-$2,180.00(gen); Bound Tree-$373.90(res); Kelly Adams-$12.16(gen); Emergency Medical Products-$199.93(res); Solutions Computer Sales-$2,239.16(gen); One Call Concepts-$8.44(wtr,swr); Auburn Family Health Center-$70.00(gen); Dana F. Cole & Comp.-$8,250.00(gen); Jack’s Uniforms & Equip. -$46.82(res); Hawkins-$471.97(wtr); Miller Monroe Farrell Ins.-$329.00(res); Heather L. Pemberton - $2,835.00(gen); NE. Public Health Enviro. Lab-$15.00(wtr); Jim Smith-$2,950.00(sts); Ligouri Law Office - $3,155.23(gen)

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Pease stated the water report can be found in the Clerk’s office.

Mayor Pease reported that the mold and ventilation system in City Hall is being looked into. Disaster Recovery Coordinator, Deborah Solie, informed the Council that Josh True has come to examine the work that needs completed and will provide an estimate. Once the estimate is received, she will be pursing potential grant opportunities that will help cover the expenses. Council Member Peregoy suggested consideration of an annual maintenance inspection on City properties. No further discussion was had.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1.** Susan Harris with UNL Extension, presented information regarding funds that have been granted to Peru and approximately 7 other communities. The amount given is $10,000 and it is meant to go toward any project that will help benefit the mental health of the community. A group of individuals will be meeting and identifying what projects could be completed with these funds. Looking for community champions to formulate idea(s) to help support good mental health within the community.

**Item 2.** Deborah Solie, Disaster Recovery Coordinator, provided an update to the Council about the progress on flood recovery and the streets. JEO has provided feedback to FEMA on the water treatment facility and a response will take about a month. FEMA is currently assessing their own estimates and will come back with a fixed cost statement. Lagoons are operating there is no current need for berms, there is no further update on the lagoons. With the assistance of SENDD the City has applied for 2 grants that could potentially assist with major street repairs.

**Item 3.** President Hanson informed the Council that the results from the grocery store survey are finalized and will be sent out to the public sometime in November. ImPERUving as oNE is also looking into ways that can help promote the Purchase / Rehab / Resell grant that has been awarded to the City.

**Item 4.** Council Member Jones made motion to waive the peddler permit fee for vendors during the Trunk or Treat event taking place on October 25th. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 5.** Council Member Jones made motion to approve the Fire Department application for Michael Mitchell. Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion. Discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 6.** Council Member Coatney made motion to approve the Fire and Rescue Department application for Carson Vinsky. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 7.** Council Member Vogt made motion to approve Resolution 2020-10. A resolution to sale surplus personal property owned by the City of Peru, Nebraska, RE: 1990 GMC Top Kick Pumper Firetruck on the auction site Big Iron. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 8.** Council Member Peregoy made motion to remove the tree south of the Fire Hall as it is getting too big and will potentially cause a hazard. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 9.** Council reviewed the temporary water treatment plant lease extension with WesTech. Mayor Pease stated that when comparing the old and new, the new agreement clarifies the green sand media will be replaced as part of the rental extension. It also sets a 10-day timeline for replacement. After Discussion, Council Member Coatney made a motion to approve the extended WesTech agreement. Council Member Vogt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 10.** Council Member Vogt made motion to approve Resolution 2020-09 Signing of the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2020. Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion. Discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 11.** Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2020. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 12.** Council discussed the possible approval of the Ratification of Waiver of possible conflict of interest with Attorney Angelo M. Ligouri representing both the City of Peru, NE, the City of Auburn, NE, and Auburn Board of Public Works. Ligouri explained that as long as interest are aligned there is no specific conflict. If a conflict were to arise, he would withdrawal from representing one or potentially all. Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the Notice and Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 13.** The Mayor explained that before we enter into an agreement with Auburn Board of Public Works it is required that Peru has Water System Emergency Contingencies in place. Mayor Pease noted that these contingencies are broken up into 3 stages, with stage 3 having the strongest implication. Council Member Vogt asked how communication to the public will take place when entering stage 3. Mayor Pease stated the City will reach out to all local news sources to get this information out. Peru State College has reviewed the Water System Emergency Contingencies and asked what peak performance was based on. It was stated that the peak performance was based off of water usage from pre-flood. With no further discussion, Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the Water System Emergency Contingencies. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 14.** Attorney Angelo Ligouri informed the Council that the City of Peru, NE Water Supply Contract with the City of Auburn and Board of Public Works (BPW) is on the agenda as more of a line of discussion. BPW will meeting to discuss any potential changes. JEO has reviewed the contract and will be sending additional comments as well. November may be a better timeframe to consider approval of the Water Supply Contract. No formal action was taken by the Council.

With there being no further business, Council Member Peregoy made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

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Dave Pease, Mayor

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Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer