**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON September 7, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pease called the meeting to order and informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act posting.

Present were: Council Members: Marty Peregoy, Ethan Coatney, Quentin Kieler and Spencer Vogt. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

**Item 1.**

Mayor Pease opened public hearing on the City’s proprietary budget for 2021-2022 fiscal year at 6:02 p.m. City Accountant, Heather Pemberton went over the proposed budget with all in attendance. With no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Pease asked for public opinion. No statements from the public were offered. Public hearing closed at 6:29 p.m.

**Item 2. Budget Items:**

1. Council member Vogt made motion to increase the base restricted funds by 2.5% and the additional amount for allowable growth. Council member Kieler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.
2. Council member Kieler made motion to exceed the budget limit by an additional 1%. Council member Peregoy seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.
3. Council member Coatney made motion that the total unused restricted funds authority be set in accordance with the approved allowable increases. Council member Vogt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 3.** Mayor Pease opened public hearing concerning an application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a community development Block Grant (CDBG) at 6:47 p.m. Kelly Gentrup with SENDD informed the Council and public about the application and grant. She stated that the grant amount is $347,000. $7,000 is administration fees that will go to SENDD and the remaining funds will go directly toward the grocery store to assist with a variety of cost. One of those cost is paying the salaries of 4 full time jobs. With no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Pease asked for public opinion. No statements from the public were offered. Public hearing closed at 7:14 p.m.

**Item 4.** Councilmember Vogt made motion to authorize the mayor to sign all documents related to the City of Peru’s application for CDBG funding. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Kieler. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 5.** Councilmember Vogt made motion to approve Resolution 2021-12 Authorizing the execution of all contracts, documents, or other memoranda between the City of Peru and the Nebraska Department of Economic Development. Motion was seconded by Councilmember Coatney. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present Motion Carried.

**Item 6.** Mayor Pease opened public hearing to set the final tax request at 7:17 p.m. Mayor Pease asked for any public comment. No statements were made, no discussion by Council, Mayor Pease closed the public hearing at 7:17 p.m. Council Member Vogt made motion to set the final property tax request by the City of Peru, NE for the 2021-2022 fiscal year by the passage and adoption of Resolution No. 2021-03. Council Member Kieler seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

With there being no further business, Council Member Kieler made motion to adjourn. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.