

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON FEBRUARY 18, 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, and Ethan Coatney. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was unable to be declared.

Mayor Pease informed the public that the regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council would meet at a later date. The regular meeting was adjourned for lack of quorum and to seek Council for want of a quorum and to reconvene for the presentation and consideration of City business pursuant to the Agenda at a later date.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING (RECONVENED FROM FEBRUARY 18, 2020) OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON FEBRUARY 21, 2020 AT 7:30 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, Bill Hunter, and Ethan Coatney. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

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

The City Clerk reported that the February Incentive payment was \$1,000.00, February 2020 Hwy Allocation was \$5,958.12, and that November 2019 City Sales Tax was \$4,606.45.

Council Member Hunter made the motion to 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 Hunter made motion to approve the claims still needing paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones. Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$26,428.25 (swr,wtr); WesTech- \$12,600.00 (wtr); Hawkins - \$1,205.36 (wtr); OPPD -\$3,178.17 (wtr,gen,sts,p&r,fr,rurfr); Windstream - \$655.10 (gen,wtr,fr,rurfr,); Verizon - \$41.52(gen); Casey's Business Mastercard-\$687.52 (sts, fr,rurfr,res); Card Services - \$137.94 (gen,fr,rurfr); Black Hills Energy -\$189.65 (gen, fr, rurfr); Access Systems-\$163.89(gen); Board of Public Works-\$5,470.19(wtr); NAPA Auto Parts-\$12.58(sts); Heather L. Pemberton, CPA-\$785.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$1.15(wtr); Eakes-

\$276.22(gen); Auburn Automotive-\$676.12(sts); Decker's Food Center-\$20.91(gen); American Recycling and Sanitation-\$2,150.00(gen); Miller Monroe Farrell Insurance-\$6,616.00(gen); Auburn Towing Service-\$124.00(sts); Brent Lottman-\$99.35(res,fr,rurfr); Emergency Medical Products-\$200.62(res); Holiday Inn-Kearney-\$209.90(res); Miranda Decker-\$238.52(res); Peru Rescue-\$140.00(res); Auburn Newspaper-\$124.92(gen); Norfolk Lodge & Suites-\$192.00(wtr); Eggers Bros-\$34.00(sts); American Legal Publishing Comp.-\$650.00(gen); Neb. Public Health Enviro. Lab-\$15.00(wtr); Solutions Computer Sales & Service-\$646.32(gen); Quick Med Claims-\$111.44(res)

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 let the public know that a meeting was held on February 11, 2020 concerning flood mitigation for the properties that are in the flood zone. The grant that the City is applying for would help buy out the properties effected by the flood. Those properties would then be demolished and turned into FEMA required green space. The City continues to meet with FEMA bi-weekly and we are getting closer to the final approval for the water treatment plant cost. However, the lagoon discussion is still wide open.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. After brief discussion in regards to Gerald Stukenholtz's potential farm lease of the City bottom ground, Council Member Hunter made motion to authorize Mayor to do final negotiating and report back to the Council at the regular council meeting on March 16, 2020.

Item 2. Zach Reeves was not in attendance to discuss the possibility of having KENO in his bar. Item tabled until the regular council meeting on March 16, 2020.

Item 3. President Dan Hanson updated the Council on what the Northeast Nemaha County Long Term Recovery Group has been accomplishing. One development that has taken place is that the Nebraska Department of Economic Development is putting together a form that shows the impact that a non repaired levee would have on northeast Nemaha County. Another was that Governor Ricketts is very concerned about the levee that protects the north end of Peru. He has asked a member of Levee District to acquire the cost engineer study and present that to him. President Hanson also informed the Council that on April 8, 2020 the Core will be holding a meeting at Peru State College. Time and building location will come at a later date.

Item 4. Vanessa Sherman from the Peru Community Impact Group presented the PCIG Annual Report and the activities and events that the group is involved in or host. She let the public and council know that they will be hosting the After Hours meet and greet on February 24th from 4:30 – 6:30.

Item 5. Mayor Pease removed Item 5 from the agenda before consideration.

Item 6. Council discussed the request for the account credit and maintenance recommendations for water well 81-1 from SUEZ. Council Member Hunter made motion that the City approves the SUEZ proposal pending recommendation of the City Clerk communicating with SUEZ to see the City would be allowed to use this credit toward 2021 well maintenance instead of the well maintenance for 2020. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 7. The Council reviewed and discussed JEO’s study for the Park and 8th Street water pressure issue. Mayor Pease said that his home experiences a 10 lb pressure drop while leaving another home in the neighborhood with no pressure. Council Member Hunter stated it’s not easy to determine who is responsible for the line that is causing the pressure issue. Council Member Jones believes that its the property owner’s responsibility from their property line and that is stated within City Ordinance. After reviewing two different alternatives Council Member Hunter made motion to approve Alternative 4 which consist of the replacement of the water line from 7th and Park Street to 8th and Park Street with a 4” PVC water main and replacement of the water line from 8th and Park Street to Location #2 with a new 2” PE water line with there being a pit put in place that every property connected to that line runs to. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. With no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 8. Council discussed testing fire hydrants and the potential replacement of a hydrant that is located on 5th street. Mayor Pease stated that the pit outside of the Wheeler Center was dug by the City to investigate a leak. While the leak could not be located the City and BPW found the valve to shut it off. This valve also shut off the fire hydrant located across from the Peru State College Maintenance building. After speaking with the Board of Public Works it was determined that there is too much interference with other lines to be able to fix this line. After discussion with Fire Chief Brent Lottman the next step is to test the fire hydrant located west of the maintenance building on 5th Street. Lottman would like to witness this testing take place. After further discussion Council Member Peregoy made motion to test the fire hydrant located west of the maintenance with Brent Lottman present and contact the Rural Water Association, Brent Lottman, and the College Maintenance Department to determine the proper location of a new fire hydrant. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. With no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 9. Council Member Hunter explained the packet in the council packet that outlined the additional information needed for design and professional engineering report for the potential EDA grant fund that would replace a portion of 5th Street and Hoyt Street. This EDA grant would cover 80% of the cost while the City would be responsible for the remaining 20%. The City would meet this obligation by using a USDA loan. Mayor Pease stated that something to keep in mind is that the discussion of bonding is in the near future and will be something that needs to take place. No formal action was requested or taken at this time by Council.

Item 10. With there being no further business, Council Member Hunter made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Dave Pease, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer