

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON APRIL 20, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.

City Council met in public session through the use of Zoom virtual meetings as allowed during the current pandemic (COVID-19) pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-03 of the Governor, and in coordination with CDC recommendations and Domestic Health Measures (DHMs) calling for social distancing for the health and safety of the Public. **The General Public was able to have open participation within the virtual meeting** with all present Councilmembers and the Mayor on all presented Agenda topics.

Mayor Dave Pease called the meeting to order and informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act available on the City website and with the Public Meeting Packet.

Present were: Mayor Dave Pease, and Council Members Marty Peregoy, Jason Jones and Ethan Coatney. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

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

The City Clerk reported that the January 2020 City Sales Tax was \$4,349.66, 3rd Municipal Equalization was \$23,158.12, and April 2020 Highway Allocation was \$7,860.68

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

JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$11,251.25 (swr,wtr); WesTech- \$12,600.00 (wtr); Hawkins - \$531.12 (wtr); Haco Electric-\$28,215.00 (wtr); NMC Rental-\$1,101.28(wtr); OPPD -\$3,308.10 (wtr,gen,sts,p&r,fr,rurfr); Windstream - \$521.90 (gen,wtr,fr,rurfr,); Verizon - \$41.52(gen); Casey’s Business Mastercard-\$579.66 (sts, fr,rurfr,res); Card Services - \$192.51 (gen); Black Hills Energy -\$193.86 (gen, fr, rurfr); Access Systems-\$137.89(gen); Auburn Automotive-\$274.45(sts); Neb. Public Health Enviro. Lab-\$15.00(wtr); Auburn Newspaper-\$211.56(gen); American Recycling and Sanitation-\$2,150.00(gen); Purchase Power-\$333.26(gen); Municipal Supply-\$949.16(wtr); United Life Ins. Company-\$67.62(gen); Decker’s-\$4.98(gen); Stutheit Implement-\$22.86(sts); Quick Med Claims-\$116.93(res); Victorian Inn-\$179.18(res); Barb Decker-\$34.86(res); Matheson-\$442.15(res); Brent Lottman-\$457.33(res); Emergency Medical Products-\$217.49(res); Brent Lottman-\$15.00(res); Interstate All Battery Center-\$147.95(fr,rurfr); Eggers Bros, Inc.-\$105.00(res); Pieters Construction-\$6,800.00(fr,rurfr);

Cummins Sales & Services-\$17,865.92(fr,rurfr); Cummins Sales & Services-\$5,224.08(fr,rurfr); NMPP-\$807.35(gen); Asphalt & Concrete Materials-\$4,109.25(sts); One Call Concepts-\$4.22(wtr/sewer); Board of Public Works-\$5,161.08(wtr,swr); Midwest Laboratories-\$73.00(swr); SUEZ-\$3,460.47(wtr); The Cleaners-\$96.00(gen); Ligouri Law Office-\$3,685.78(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 recognized the maintenance employees, Scott and Harold, for the great work they have done to repair to pot holes and repair a water leak that was discovered on the east end of town. Pease reported that the City had a conference call with NEMA in reference to the hazard mitigation grant application to go over the revisions that need completed before the final version is submitted. The City of Peru Financial Committee met as well, and the State Revolving Fund will be able to assist in lending the 12.5% that the City is required to pay toward the permanent water solution.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Mayor Pease recommended Spencer Vogt to fill the vacancy for the East Ward council position. Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

Item 2. Mayor Pease and Council Member Peregoy gave a brief update on what the Long Term Recovery Group has been doing. Pease stated the group continues to meet every Wednesday and are reviewing several finance options. Peregoy let the council and public know that Zach Nelson is working with the group on grants.

Item 3. Zach Schulz with JEO updated the council and public on the permanent water system improvements. Before the City can move forward with funding from the USDA we have to get a fixed cost offer from FEMA. While the Auburn connection is on hold, the City is looking into 2 other options. One is connecting to Nebraska City and the other is connecting to Otoe County Rural Water District 1. The potential cost to connect to Otoe County Rural Water would be roughly 5.5 to 6 million. No formal action was requested or taken at this time by Council.

Item 4. Zach Schulz with JEO was able to give a brief update on the permanent wastewater system improvements. He stated that FEMA and the City have determined that there is not enough sludge build up in the lagoons so that project has been removed from any further FEMA review. FEMA is currently doing a cost analysis review on further flood protection of the lagoons. No formal action was requested or taken at this time by Council.

Item 5. Discussion was had about performing the annual maintenance on the City's one working well. Mayor Pease informed everyone that this needs to take place while usage is down. It is estimated to be a week long process so hauling of water and a boil notice will need to be arranged. While the well is being maintained WesTech will also need to come in a perform maintenance on the temporary water treatment plant. The City will try to make this process as smooth as possible for the citizens. No Council action taken.

Item 6. Zach Schulz discussed Task Order No. 191141.06 – 2020 Park Street Water Main Extension. He reviewed the estimated cost of \$13,000 and what it all entails. He informed the council and public that the first step will be to get the design in place. Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve Task Order No. 191141.06 – 2020 Park Street Water Main Extension. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. With no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 7. Council reviewed the qualifications of the engineering firm respondents for the streets project to begin negotiations for a Preliminary Engineering Report (“PER”) service for the EDA application. After brief discussion on what portion of cost the City is responsible for and if the College has been approached about assisting with a portion of this percentage, Council Member Coatney made motion to select JEO Consulting Group. Motion was seconded by Council Member Peregoy. With no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 8. Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve awarding 1st Class Plumbing Heating and Air Conditioning Inc bid for the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program for applicant #001. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. The City Clerk explained that this program was put in place several years ago and the current funds need to be disbursed to rehabilitate owner occupied homes before the funds are taken away. With no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 9. With there being no further business, Council Member Jones 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