

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA on August 19, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

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

Present were: Council Members: Dave Pease, Ethan Coatney, Bill Hunter and Jason Jones. Mayor Reeves was absent. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared. As Council President, Council Member Pease conducted the meeting.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 15, 2019 regular Council meeting. Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 29, 2019 Amended Budget Public Hearing. Council Member Jones made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 29, 2019 special Council meeting. Council Member Coatney made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

The City Clerk reported on 2 items from the Nemaha County Board of Equalization.

1. Reassessed value of the 257.47 acres that the City owns. The land was currently assessed at \$759,035.00. After the reassessment, due to the flood, it will be valued at \$25,747.00 for the 2019 tax year.
2. Reassessed value of the 35.04 acres that the City owns. The land was currently assessed at \$114,315.00. After the reassessment, due to the flood, it will be valued at \$3,504.00 for the 2019 tax year.

The City Clerk also reported that August 2019 Hwy allocation deposited into the City of Peru's account was \$6,873.96, and that May 2019 City Sales Tax that was deposited into the City of Peru's account was \$2,359.89.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the claims still needing paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote: "AYE": 4, "NAY": 0. Motion carried.

OPPD-\$1,977.17(gen,sts,p&r,rurfr,wtr); Windstream-\$577.44(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Black Hill Energy-\$47.87(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$41.01(gen); The Cleaners-\$24.00(gen); Casey's-\$233.15(sts,fr,rurfr,res); Card Services(Orscheln)\$60.88(gen); Farmers Cooperative-\$1,201.75(wtr); Schmidts Inc.-\$112,735.00(wtr); Midwest Labs-\$400.57(wtr); Hydro Optimization & Automation-\$50,952.28(wtr); WesTech-\$12,600.00(wtr); JEO-\$27,590.45(wtr); Kerns Excavating-\$89,645.15(wtr); Hawkins-\$3,478.82(wtr); Sargent Drilling-\$250.00(wtr); Municipal Supply-\$938.14(wtr); Hire Right-\$277.03(gen); Emergency Medical Products-\$195.86(res); Power Manager-\$500.00(gen); Auburn Plumbing & Heating-\$138.50(gen); Nemaha County Clerk-\$28.00(gen); OK Tire-\$25.00(sts); Truax Patient Services-\$157.95(res); Access Systems-\$158.19(gen); Eakes Office Solutions-\$210.01(gen); Auburn Board of Public Works-\$8063.35(wtr); Purchase Power-\$.69(gen); Auburn Newspaper-\$392.70(gen); One Call Concepts-\$4.22(sts); Heather Pemberton, CPA-\$1800.00(gen); Ligouri Law Office-\$6,540.38(gen); NE Public Health Environ. Lab-\$844.00(wtr); Auburn Family Health Center-\$70.00(gen); SENDD-\$1,835.00(gen); State Farm Marshall Training-\$50.00(fr,rurfr); M&T Fire and Safety-\$2,490.00(fr,rurfr); M&T Fire and Safety-\$283.00(fr,rurfr); Shared Service Systems-\$178.04(res); American Recycling and Sanitation-\$2,165.00(gen)

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

OLD BUSINESS

JD Roberts addressed the council again about proper flood clean up. After brief discussion the City Clerk will advise him on which company would be able to properly dispose of his trailer. No formal action by Council was made.

NEW BUSINESS

Item No. 1: Was formally removed from discussion of Council due to individual requesting the item not being in attendance to address the Council on the request.

Item No. 2: Vanessa Sherman with the Peru Community Impact Group requested to block 5th Street downtown for the Fall Festival being held on October 12th from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Council Member Hunter made motion to approve request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” 4, “NAY” 0. Motion: Carried.

Item No. 3: Vanessa Sherman with the Peru Community Impact Group requested permission for Special Designated License to allow alcohol consumption on empty lot directly North of Decker's Food Center. After brief discussion on the proper procedure to be taken before requesting permission from council, no formal action by Council was motioned.

Item No 4: Vanessa Sherman with the Peru Community Impact Group requested that the Council waive the peddler permits for the farmer's market being held during the Fall Festival.

Council Member Coatney made motion to approve request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated: "AYE" 4, "NAY" 0. Motion: Carried.

Item No 5: Sam Schwartz was interested in donating his empty lot to the City of Peru. After brief discussion. No formal action by Council was made.

Item No 6: Council Member Hunter made motion for third reading of Ordinance No. 2019-03 of the City of Peru, NE, by the City Council, to authorize Mayor approval of City expenditures up to \$2,500.00, per claim, without prior City Council approval. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated: "AYE" 4, "NAY" 0. Motion: Carried.


Item No 7: Council Member Hunter discussed water revenue. After he completed further research, it shows that the City is actually losing money from water. Council further discussed that a possible ordinance needs put in place regarding water revenue and water usage. No formal action by Council was made.

Item No 8: Council discussed the possibility of delaying the hire of a second maintenance employee. After brief discussion on not delaying the hire of a second maintenance employee, Council Member Hunter and Council Member Pease volunteered to conduct the interview process. No formal action by Council was motioned.

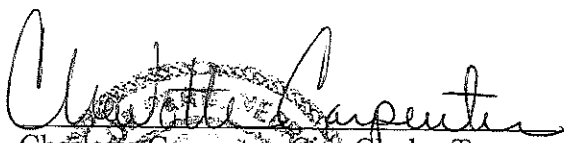
Item No. 9: Council Member Pease discussed a Farm Bureau Disaster Relief Fund Grant that the City is eligible to apply for. After learning that this should first be discussed with FEMA, it was recommended to schedule a meeting with them to make sure the grant would not affect any potential reimbursement. No formal action by Council was made.

Item No. 10: Council Member Pease requested the City of Peru have Nebraska Rural Water test for unmetered water usage. Council Member Hunter made motion to approve this request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated: "AYE" 4, "NAY" 0. Motion: Carried.

Item No. 11: With there being no further business, Council Member Jones made motion to adjourn. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" 4, "NAY" 0. Motion: Carried.



Dave Pease, Council President,
{Mayor Reeves absent from this
Meeting}


Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer

