

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON AUGUST 17, 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 Jason Jones, Ethan Coatney, and Spencer Vogt. Absent was Council Member Marty Peregoy. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the July 20, 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 the May 2020 City Sales Tax was \$3,575.34. She also reported that the city recycling bin will be located at the trail head once American Recycling and Sanitation restore recycling services. This is expected to take place sometime in September.

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

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

Rieschick Drilling Co-\$3299.99 (wtr); JEO-\$35,438.75 (wtr); Westech-\$15,750.00(wtr); Haco Electric-\$230.00(wtr); NMC Rental-\$1101.28(wtr); OPPD-\$2780.30(gen,sts,p&r,wtr,fr,rurfr); Windstream-\$674.31(gen,wtr,fr, rurfr,res); Casey's -\$351.74(sts); Card Services-\$183.64(gen); Black Hills Energy-\$108.48(gen,fr,rurfr); Access Systems-\$137.89(gen); Quick Med Claims-\$139.69(res); The Cleaners-\$24.00(gen); Frontier Cooperative-\$80.00(p&r); Lynch's Hardware-\$27.48(gen); Auburn Automotive-\$184.93(sts); Napa-\$12.69(sts); HOA Solutions-\$468.00(wtr); League of Nebraska Municipalities-\$379.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$5.76(wtr/sewer); Brent Lottman-\$51.25(fr,rurfr); Board of Public Works-\$6842.03(wtr,swr); Purchase Power-\$452.89(gen); Municipal Supply-\$3011.02(wtr); Heather Pemberton, cpa-\$485.00(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation-\$2789.55(gen); Mellage Truck & Tractor-\$1477.59(p&r); Burr Farms Machinery-\$190.00(sts); Auburn Family Health Center-\$70.00(gen); Hire Right-\$304.06(gen); Wendy Hirschfeld-\$114.22(res); First Wireless-\$253.63(res,fr,rurfr); NE Public Health Enviro. Lab-\$323.00(wtr); Hawkins-\$1509.37(wtr)

General(gen), Streets(sts), Water(wtr), Sewer(swtr), 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. He also noted that after the sand filter was replaced at the temporary water plant it caused manganese level issues. These issues have been resolved and we are waiting test results from the State.

In the Mayor's Report, Mayor Pease updated the public on the FEMA process. He stated that the City has been informed about the process that Plattsmouth followed that has helped with funding. DHHS wrote a letter to the City of Peru stating that they wouldn't approve permits to rebuild the water treatment plant in the pre-flood location. This letter has been sent to FEMA and should open the door to an additional funding source for the City of Peru.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1.** Representatives from the Nebraska Strong Recovery group presented information to the Council and public. The group's purpose is to provide emotional support within the community and meet some possible currently unmet needs. They are able to provide referrals and a hotline number for individuals seeking emotional and mental assistance. Nebraska Strong Recovery is associated with Region Five.

**Item 2.** President Dan Hanson updated the Council as to what the Long Term Recovery Group (LTRG) and ImPERUving as ONE had been focusing on. The LTRG successfully received a grant that will provide the salary for an individual to assist the group and the City of Peru with further grant opportunities. Interviews for this position start within the week. ImPERUving as ONE has sent out a flyer letting the community know of an upcoming survey that will help distinguish the type of grocery store that the community would like to see.

**Item 3.** Brent Lottman and City Council discussed what action should be taken to get rid of the 1991 Ambulance and 1990 Fire Truck as surplus property of the City. Lottman discussed several choices of bidding sites or accepting sealed bids. The online bidding sites do not allow a reserve therefore both could possibly sell way below market value. After further discussion Council Member Vogt made motion to publish notice for sealed bids on both the 1991 Ambulance and 1990 Fire Truck. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. With there be no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 4.** Council Member Coatney made motion to approve Resolution 2020-05 – A resolution to authorize and approve USDA Rural Development financial assistance form RD-1942-9, loan resolution security agreement for the purchase and acquisition of a fire truck. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. With there be no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 5.** Council Member Coatney made motion to approve Resolution 2020-06 – A resolution to authorize and approve USDA Rural Development financial assistance form RD-1942.9, loan

resolution security agreement for the purchase and acquisition of an ambulance. Council Member Vogt seconded the motion. With there be no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 6.** Council Member Coatney made motion to approve correcting public record to indicate the actual local match of \$200,000.00 and not the previously stated \$300,000.00, for the CDBG funds. Council Member Vogt seconded the motion. With there be no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 7.** Council Member Vogt asked for further clarification as to what the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program consisted of. Mayor Pease explained that it helps owner occupied homes make eligible repairs to the home. If the homeowner lives in the home for a certain amount of time this loan to make the repairs is considered forgiven. Council Member Coatney made motion to award NJC Contracting and All Seasons Corp bid for the Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program for applicant #002. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. With there be no further discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

With there being no further business, Council Member Coatney made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Vogt 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