

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA on July 15, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.**

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

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

The Council reviewed the minutes from the June 17, 2019 regular Council meeting. Council Member Pease made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

The City Clerk reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> Dist. Muni. Equalization deposit was \$17,008.36 and that July 2019 Highway Allocation was \$8,341.40

Council Member Pease 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 Pease made motion to approve the claims. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. After lengthy discussion on how the flood expenses have depleted funds, Council Member Pease amended his motion with the approval of Council Member Coatney and seconded by Council Member Coatney, to approve non-flood related claims. Roll Call Vote indicated: "AYE" 4, "NAY" 0. Amended Motion: Carried.

OPPD-\$1,975.17(gen,sts,p&r,rurfr,wtr); Windstream-\$577.44(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Black Hill Energy-\$47.87(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$38.75(gen); The Cleaners-\$24.00(gen); Casey's-\$913.28(sts,fr,rurfr,res); Card Services(Orscheln)\$60.88(gen);Dana Cole & Co.-\$8,250.00(gen); HireRight-\$54.06(gen); United Life Insurance-\$113.50(gen); Dearborn National-\$254.56(fr,rurfr);VanDiest Supply Co.-\$1,121.00(gen); Grainger-\$658.20(sts); Stutheit Implement-\$649.99(p&r); Hamilton Equipment-\$5,100.00(sts); Suez-\$3,117.54(wtr); Purchase Power-\$258.49(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation-\$2,150.00(gen); Board of Public Works-\$7,891.53(wtr); OK Tire-\$40.00(sts); Aue&Co-\$70.00(gen); Airstream Heating & Cooling-\$90.00(gen); Access Systems-\$132.19(gen); Midwest Coop-\$187.50(p&r); One Call Concepts-\$6.52(wtr); Miller Monroe Farrell-\$1,101.60(fr,rurfr); Auburn Newspaper-\$163.71(gen)

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

## NEW BUSINESS

**Item No. 1:** Council Member Pease made motion for second 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 Hunter seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” 4, “NAY” 0. Motion: Carried.

**Item No. 2:** Mike Hall, Commissioner of District 1 addressed the Council for discussion and stated that once the water has gone down the County will discuss road options with the City. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Item No. 3:** Mayor Reeves gave a flood update. He stated that the new portable treatment plant had arrived and that representatives from Westech were committed to be here the entire duration of getting the portable plant running. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Item No. 4:** Peru State College President, Mr. Dan Hansen, reported on behalf of ImPERUving as One. He stated all groups are focused on the current crisis and how they can assist the community at this time. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Item No. 5:** John Roberts addressed the Council on proper flood clean up for his trailer. Mayor stated that it is not the City’s issue to get rid of his property. Council Member Pease stated that we are getting clean up information and that it is time to be patient. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Item No. 6:** Council member Pease made verbal request that the Mayor and Clerks place an ad for publication seeking an individual who would be able to spray mosquitoes for the City. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Item No. 7:** Zach Schulz with JEO presented the Master Agreement for “Long –Term Rehabilitation work”. The agreement outlines the task orders to assist with the water and sanitary sewer systems. Council Member Pease made motion to approve the Master Agreement. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” 4, “NAY” 0. Motion: Carried.

Discussion of the task orders associated with the Master Agreement was not acted on by the Council, no motion by Council was made.

**Item No. 8:** A member from SENDD reported on the application submitted to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for Housing Grant Funding. Mayor Reeves stated that there are 2 different grants. One is to assist individuals displaced by the flood and the other is to bring homes in Peru up to HUD standards. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Agenda Item Nos. 9, 10, and 11:** Where formally removed from discussion of Council by Council Member Hunter, whom made the request for said items to be placed on the Agenda. No object to formal removal was made by Council.

**Item No. 12:** The Council briefly discussed Devon Adams water line issue. No formal action by Council was requested or made.

**Public Input:** Ruth Heywood approached the Council to discussion progression on the Water Treatment Plant and wastewater infrastructure. Ms. Heywood requested a stronger community effort in addressing the future water needs of the community. Council heard Ms. Heywood's request, no formal action by Council was made.

**Item No. 13:** With there being no further business, Council Member Hunter made motion to adjourn. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" 4, "NAY" 0. Motion: Carried.

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Dave Pease, City Council President

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Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer