

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON MAY 18, 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 Directive 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, Ethan Coatney and Spencer Vogt. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the April 20, 2020 regular Council meeting. Council Member Peregoy made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the May 5, 2020 special 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 February City Sales Tax was \$2,970.87 and that the May 2020 Hwy Allocation was \$6,043.79. The Clerk also informed Council that SENDD has spoke with their regional rep at DED and they are currently reviewing the special conditions documents for release of funds for the purchase / rehab/ resale housing grant.

Council Member Coatney made the motion to approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01. Motion was seconded by Council Member Peregoy, 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.

JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$10,348.75 (swr,wtr); WesTech- \$12,600.00 (wtr); Haco Electric-\$6,349.77 (wtr); NMC Rental-\$1,101.28(wtr); OPPD -\$3,056.25 (wtr,gen,sts,p&r,fr,rurfr); Windstream - \$412.31 (gen,wtr,fr,rurfr,); Verizon - \$41.44(gen); Casey’s Business Mastercard-\$573.21 (sts, fr,rurfr,res); Card Services - \$375.63 (gen); Black Hills Energy -\$180.08 (gen, fr, rurfr); Access Systems-\$137.89(gen); Eggers Bros Inc.- \$24.10(res); Stutheit Implement-\$900.59(fr,rurfr); Brent Lottman-\$239.74(fr,rurfr,res); Sandry Fire Supply-\$366.89(fr,rurfr); Emergency Medical Products-\$154.41(res); Sack Lumber-

\$17.98(res); Auburn Newspaper-\$477.83(gen); Quick Med Claims-\$68.54(res); Jim Smith-\$550.00(sts); Hawkins-\$509.46(wtr); Frontier Cooperative-\$185.00(P&R); OK Tire - \$384.00(sts); NAPA Auto-\$38.46(sts); Eakes-\$153.91(gen); IIMC-\$195.00(gen); Am. Recycle&Sanitation-\$2150.00(gen); Heather Pemberton-\$1405.00(gen); The Cleaners-\$24.00(gen); Board of Public Works-\$6,144.37(wtr,swr);MillerMonroeFarrell-\$6,476.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$10.74(wtr); Bohl Plumbing-\$114.89(sw)

General(gen), Streets(sts), Water(wtr), Sewer(sw), 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Klinton Hansen reported to Council that he has started his own business called Top-Notch Equipment LLC. He is able to cover almost every job need. He has experience with levee repair, pipelines and other heavy equipment operations. He informed the Council that he is insured and bonded. No formal action was requested/taken by Council.

Item 2. Vanessa Sherman with Peru Community Impact Group updated the Council and Public on the events that will be taking place during Old Man River Days. The group has come up with several events that encourage social distancing and following the recommendations of the CDC. The PCIG will be hosting a cruise night. The route will be one way traffic and start downtown. The cruise will then go south to Washington Street where someone will be sitting to direct traffic east toward 3rd Street then north to California Street and finally head west back toward 5th Street. Mayor Pease stated that sounds like a good route to use. No formal action was requested/taken by Council.

Item 3. President Hanson gave a brief update on what the Long Term Recovery Group has been working on. As of right now they are working on a grant that would provide a staffing position to help with reporting and grant work to assist the City in infrastructure.

Item 4. Mayor Pease discussed with Council the detailed position of the temporary staff person. This individual's salary would be covered by a grant. The individual would be hired by the City since we have employment laws in place. President Hanson stated that while there is no timeline in place for the turn around on a response once the grant is submitted, he feels it will be timely. No formal action was requested/taken by Council.

Item 5. Angela Allgood provided information to Council about Neon Link. This company would provide a service so water bills could be paid online. The company works closely with Power Manager which is the program the City already uses for water bills. She discussed the charges to the City and the expected timeframe to transition into this program. The Council felt it was a

good idea and to get a formal proposal from Neon Link for them to review. No formal action from Council was taken.

Item 6. Council reviewed the product quotation from Bobcat of Lincoln for the 2020 bobcat upgrade. After brief discussion on hours allowed for the skid steer, Council Member Coatney made motion to approve the 2020 bobcat upgrade. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 7. Zach Schulz with JEO Consulting updated the Council and Public about 3 new options that are being looked into. One is Otoe County Rural Water District; the second is Nebraska City’s water system; and the third is connecting to Atchison County, Missouri in Watson. Otoe County Rural Water District has stated that they are not interested and Atchison County has not returned any messages. Research on the Nebraska City connection is showing that since it is a longer distance the cost is estimated to be 6.5 to 7 million dollars. This estimate is roughly 1.5 to 2 million more than a potential connection to Auburn. Council Member Pergoy asked the additional amount of construction time it would take to connect to Nebraska City in comparison to Auburn. Schulz said it is estimated to be an additional 2 to 3 months. Peru City Attorney, Angelo Ligouri, stated that Dave Hunter has made the statement that Auburn has the capacity to serve Peru and the letter the Board of Public Works sent Peru wasn’t perceived correctly. Mayor Pease feels it would be feasible to arrange a meeting with Board of Public Works and the City of Peru. Ligouri said it would be worth it if it can save up to 2 million dollars. Schulz will be reaching out to the Board of Public Works to collect further information. No formal action was requested or taken at this time by Council.

Item 8. Council reviewed the WesTech Lease Agreement. Council Member Pergoy asked for further background on the lease. Mayor Pease explained that when the lease was put in place it was more cost effective to lease for 31 months instead of purchasing the equipment. However, the time frame that the City will need to use the portable treatment plant has extended. It is unclear if FEMA will cover the rental cost past this point. Ligouri questioned the responsibilities of the Lessee. Zach Schulz understanding of the WesTech Lease Agreement presented is that this extension needs approved to make the much-needed maintenance take place. Ligouri noted that the agreement states that it was made under Utah law, but the contract is for services in Nebraska and should be compliant with Nebraska law since this is where the equipment is and is being used. Council Member Pergoy made motion to approve the WesTech Lease with recommend revisions fully addressed. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 9. Maintenance will be taking place on the portable water treatment plant and the well sometime in the month of June. This will cause extra expenditures for an estimated time of 3 weeks. These costs will include Schmidt Trucking to haul in water, renting a generator and pump from Rieschick Drilling, fuel to run the pump and the cost of water from the Board of Public Works. While it is going to be costly, Zach Schulz is working with FEMA to get the cost covered

as emergency protective measures. Council Member Pergoy made motion to approve all expenditures for water hauling while maintenance on well and treatment plant are performed as necessary and emergency protective measures for the health and safety of the residents of Peru. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

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

Dave Pease, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer