

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU,
NEBRASKA ON April 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 March 18, 2019 regular Council meeting. Council Member Pease made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote indicated: Jones, Pease, Coatney – “Aye”, Hunter abstained.

The City Clerk reported the payment for \$500.00 was refunded by the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the Water Treatment Plant Improvements Project. Also reported was April Highway Allocation, received in the amount of \$7,398.50 and January 2019 City Sales Tax Deposits wherein the amount of \$2,662.88.

Council Member Pease made motion to approve the claims. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

OPPD-\$1,853.50 (gen,sts,p&r,rurfr,wtr); Windstream-\$506.75(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Black Hill Energy-\$480.79(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$38.81(gen); Aue & Company-\$450.00(gen); Casey’s-\$1,086.02(sts,fr,rurfr); AT&T-\$77.45(gen); Card Services-\$880.71(gen); Decker’s Food Center-\$80.96(gen); Brent Lottman-\$165.91(fr); Sack Lumber-\$33.18(sts); Hawkins-\$1,228.08(wtr); Purchase Power-\$112.26(gen); Am. Recycling & Sanitation-\$2,194.60(gen); NMPP-\$720.85(gen); Auburn Newspaper-\$83.07(gen); Cummins-\$21.36(sts); Comfort Inn-\$399.80(gen); Lynch’s Hardware-\$13.02(gen); Wyn-Mill Garage Door-\$413.75(sts); Board of Public Works-\$5,478.75(wtr); NE State Vol. Firefighters-\$1050.00(rurfr); Concrete Industries-\$550.82(sts); Sandry Fire Supply-\$279.24(fr,rurfr); Mellage Truck & Tractor-\$66.00(p&r); Charlotte Carpenter-\$356.69(gen); Dearborn National-\$3.44(fr,rurfr); Access Systems-\$158.19(gen); Concrete Industries-\$1,288.00(wtr); NE Public Health Environ. Labs-\$185.00(wtr); Eakes-\$20.14(gen); United Life Insurance-\$113.50(gen); JEO-\$542.50(gen); Cornhusker Press-\$65.82(gen); Napa-\$203.50(sts); EMS-\$364.22(res); One Call Concepts-\$4.60(wtr); Family Value Pharmacy-\$300.00(res); Midwest Lab-\$134.35(wtr); J.P. Cooke-\$34.70(gen); SUEZ-\$3,117.54(wtr); Farmers Coop-\$963.84(wtr); Nem. Co. Treasurer-\$9,892.65(gen); Schmidts Trucking-\$38,500.00(wtr)

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

Mayor Reeves stated the water report is available at city hall for public inspection and stated there is no Mayor report.

OLD BUSINESS

A request tabled from March 18, 2019 Council Meeting concerning lowering farm installments for Gerald Stuckenholtz was tabled again for the May 20, 2019 Council Meeting. A Motion was

made by Council Member Hunter and seconded by Coatney. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Review of the new Water Bill Policy was discussed. The City Clerk is to remove the maintenance workers names so it will not need changed if the position changes, that way we do not accept partial payments if the water has been shut off, the initial deposit was raised to \$100.00, and the late fee was set to a straight \$25.00. A Motion was made by Council Member Pease and seconded by Hunter. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Hunter made the motion to approve Spencer Vogt for the Peru Fire Department. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Council Member Hunter made motion to defer the bid for a 7 foot shredder until next year's budget. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried

A group of students from PSC reported on recommendations that they saw fit for the City's computer system, water system, and phone system. No action was taken.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve PCIG to block parking for the Easter Egg Hunt at Neal Park. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Leslie Clark with Nemaha County Leadership Class 6 presented information regarding the Bee Statue. Council Member Pease made motion to donate \$1,500.00 toward the cause, from the City Keno Account. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Council Member Hunter made motion that the Mayor and Maintenance employees select which chest waders they see fit as long as it is a reasonable price range. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Council Member Hunter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02 "An ordinance authorizing the suspension of rules; waiving of estimates of costs and advertising for bids for the approval of plans, bids, costs and quotations provided through JEO Consulting Group Inc., project engineer, from contractors and manufacturers determined necessary for the improvement and/or operation of the city water treatment system on an immediate temporary basis resulting from a public emergency caused by extreme, unanticipated flooding; immediate action or remedy determined necessary to prevent a serious loss of or injury or damage to life, health, or property of the community of Peru, NE; repealing all other ordinances or parts or ordinances in conflict herewith; making various findings and provisions related to the subject herein and the emergency nature thereof; and setting an immediate effective date. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Ordinance No. 2019-02 came on for presentation to the Council and was approved by suspension of rules pursuant to public emergency necessary to prevent a serious loss of or injury or damage to life, health or property of the community of Peru, NE. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Council Member Hunter made motion to place Brent Lottman on the Finance Committee. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Rule Call Vote upon presentation of Ordinance No. 2019-02 indicated: "AYE" All, "NAY": No one. Ordinance Passed and Approved on First Presentation pursuant to Nebraska Statute and City Code as authorized by the Council.

Council Member Pease made motion to acknowledge full re-payment of Nebraska deed of trust of Lesley R. Ryan, dated May 16, 2013, and to execute a deed of reconveyance. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Council Member Jones made motion to approve the lease of a new skid loader with the air conditioning option. Council Member Pease seconded the motion. Vote indicated: Jones, Pease, Hunter – "Aye", Coatney abstained.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve JEO Consulting Group for a City of Comprehensive Plan & Housing Study. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Council Member Jones made motion to reconsider accommodations for employee S. Coatney. The motion was not seconded, no action was taken.

Council Member Hunter made motion to review/ratification: Cooperation Agreement for Emergency Assistance between the City of Peru, NE and the United States. Council Member Pease seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

Council Member Pease made motion to approve closing part of 5th street for a fundraiser that is being held at Zach's Bar and Grill on June 8, 2019 from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 A.M. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion carried.

With there being no further business, Council Member Hunter made motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Darrin Reeves, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer