

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON JUNE 15, 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, and Spencer Vogt. Absent was Council Member Ethan Coatney. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the May 18, 2020 regular Council meeting. Council Member Peregoy 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 March City sales tax was \$2,256.97

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

Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the claims still needing paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vogt. Discussion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$4,996.25 (swr,wtr); WesTech- \$18,900.00 (wtr); NMC Rental-\$1,101.28(wtr); OPPD -\$2,993.67 (wtr,gen,sts,p&r,fr,rurfr); Windstream - \$452.42(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr,); Casey’s Business Mastercard-\$428.10 (sts, fr,rurfr,res); Card Services - \$323.61 (gen); Black Hills Energy -\$122.25 (gen, fr, rurfr); Access Systems-\$137.89(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation -\$2,150.00 (gen); Auburn Automotive-\$258.88(sts); Midwest Lab-\$7.24(wtr); AKRS Equip.-\$231.60(sts); Auburn Plumbing & Heating-\$87.00(fr,rurfr); Pitney Bowes-\$140.55(gen); Napa Auto Parts-\$76.99(sts); Interstate All Battery-\$322.90(res); Quick Med Claims-\$17.13(res); Board of Public-\$4,989.38(wtr,swr); Paper Tiger-\$94.20(gen); Brent Lottman-\$284.21(fr,rurfr); CVIA – Miller Monroe Farrell-\$933.50(fr,rurfr,res); Sandry Fire Supply-\$23.43(fr,rurfr); Hamilton Equipment-\$4,500.00(sts); Hawkins-\$559.23(wtr); Heather L. Pemberton CPA-\$485.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$9.60(wtr,swr); Neb. Public

Health Enviro. Lab-\$15.00(wtr); Decker's Food Center-\$8.75(gen); OK Tire-\$404.00(sts); Purchase Power-\$141.32(gen)

General(gen), Streets(sts), Water(wtr), Sewer(swr), 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. President Hanson reported that the Long Term Recovery Group has submitted the grant that would allow the City to hire an individual that would assist with grants and further opportunities to help with infrastructure after the March 2019 Flood. The group is also working on contacting federal delegation for the river bank repair.

Item 2. Brent Lottman and Brent Melvin presented the Council with information on replacing an Ambulance and City Fire Truck. Lottman stated that the Peru Rescue Squad would like to replace/upgrade the 2005 ambulance with a new demo ambulance, place the 2004 ambulance in a back-up status and sell the 1991 model. The current cost for a demo ambulance range from \$140,000 to \$180,000. The rescue squad has been able to save over \$68,000 from proceeds through service calls and would like to use between \$50,000 and \$65,000 to pay part of the price of a new ambulance and finance the remainder through low interest loan with USDA or bank loan. Addition cost for consideration are graphics and an electric lift/load stretcher. The cost of stretcher is estimated to be \$44,000. The most favorable option for the City is waiting until after October 1, 2020 (new budget year) when the Peru Rescue Squad would be able to apply for a grant through USDA to help cover these costs of the lift/load stretcher.

City Fire Truck – It's probable that the City Pumper will not pass the pump test this year because the RPM's have increased on a yearly basis and it's likely the City Pumper will not be able to meet the minimums now required. There are currently grants through USDA that can help cover the cost of a needed good used fire truck. Presentation ended.

Item 3. Council Member Peregoy made motion to allow the Peru Rescue Squad to advertise for bids to replace/upgrade the 2005 Ambulance. Council Member Vogt seconded the motion. Discussion heard, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

Item 4. Allow application for USDA funding for Ambulance and Fire Engine – no action motioned at this meeting.

Item 5. Council Member Peregoy made motion to authorize research into available commercial funding to replace the Ambulance and Fire Engine. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vogt., Discussion heard, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

Item 6. Authorize Mayor to sign application for USDA funding replacement of Ambulance and Fire Engine – no action motioned at this meeting.

Item 7. Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve Resolution 2020-02 “No Outlet” sign past the corner of 3rd Street heading east on Washington Street. Motion was seconded by Council Member Jones. Discussion heard, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 8. Council Member Vogt made motion to approve Resolution 2020-03 “Dead End” sign at the corner of 7th Street and Mulberry Street. Council Member Peregoy seconded the motion. Discussion heard, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 9. Zach Schulz with JEO gave a brief update on the water system improvements. Currently the City is waiting on reply from FEMA for a fixed cost offer on the water treatment plant. A meeting is planned with Atchison County water representatives for discussion on the potential idea to connect to Atchison County. The Mayor and two council members, Peregoy and Jones, met with Auburn Board of Public works to discuss connecting to Auburn for water service. Mayor Pease stated that it sounded positive and would be a significant savings compared to other water connections. The City continues to pursue and consider all available water service sources.

Item 10. Zach Schulz with JEO informed everyone that there has been some movement as far as the wastewater system improvements. FEMA reimbursement will likely be actual cost not fixed cost offer. Since the levee is not repaired the chances of the lagoons flooding remains present.

Item 11. Zach Schulz with JEO presented Task Order #191141.07 – Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application to the Council. The task order would allow JEO to prepare and submit the grant application to the Natural Resources Commission for the permanent water works project necessary to restore the City’s water system to pre-flood capacity and functioning. The application is to be submitted on or before July 31, 2020. Schulz stated that this is a competitive grant and that grant funds do work with local cost share of the permanent water solutions. The City should provide a formal decision on an approved permanent water solution for the City within the grant. After lengthy discussion Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve Task Order # 191141.07 – Water Sustainability Fund Grant Application. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vogt. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 12. Council considered the additional proposal from SUEZ for extra work on Well 81-1. Allowing SUEZ to pull the line shaft turbine pump and transport it to a pump shop in Omaha for tear down, inspection, repairs if needed and reassembly. After discussion, Council Member Peregoy made motion to approve the proposal from SUEZ for additional maintenance on Well 81-1. Motion was seconded by Council Member Vogt. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Item 13. With there being no further business, Council Member Jones made motion to adjourn. Council Member Peregoy seconded said motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

Dave Pease, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer