

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON July 20, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**

**City Council met in public session** held at the Performing Arts Center on the main campus at Peru State College, Peru, NE, pursuant to Public Notice to accommodate social distancing guidelines currently recommended.

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 within the Public Meeting Packet.

Present were: Mayor Dave Pease and Council Members Marty Peregoy, Spencer Vogt, and Ethan Coatney. Absent was Council Member Jason Jones. Upon roll call by the City Clerk a quorum was declared.

Recognition of Visitors was made by the Mayor and Councilmember Vogt. Members of the public may request from the City Clerk a copy of City Resolution #2017-02 pertaining to Conduct Rules for City Council Meetings.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the June 15, 2020 regular Council meeting. Councilmember Peregoy made a motion to approve the minutes; Councilmember Vogt seconded said motion; Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

The Deputy City Clerk reported that the March City sales tax was \$2,429.54.

Councilmember Peregoy made the motion to approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01; seconded by Councilmember Coatney; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

Councilmember Coatney made motion to approve the claims still needing paid; seconded by Councilmember Peregoy; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$23385.00 (swr,wtr); OPPD -\$3,012.18 (wtr,gen,sts,p&r,fr,rurfr); Windstream - \$181.73(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr,); Schmidts Trucking-\$21,350.00 (wtr); Westech- \$12,600.00 (wtr); Haco Electric-\$745.00 (Gen); NMC Rental-\$1,101.28 (gen); Casey's Business Mastercard-\$416.94 (sts, fr,rurfr,res); Card Services - \$403.59 (gen); Black Hills Energy -\$87.52; J.P.Cooke-\$17.80 (gen); AKRS Equipment-\$51.58 (gen); Access Systems-\$137.89(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation -\$2,200.00 (gen);Suez-\$3,460.47 (wtr); Eggers Bros. Inc.-\$210.31 (gen); Farmers Coop-\$383.29 (gen); SE Community College-\$1,211.85 (res); Feld Fire-\$251.00 (fr,rurfr); Eakes Office Solutions-\$131.59; Auburn Family Health-\$70.00 (gen); United Life-\$67.62 gen); Lynch's Hardware-\$255.97 (gen); Harold Hitch-\$3.18 (gen); Auburn Newspaper-\$110.60 (gen); Ligouri Law Office-\$1,511.38;

The Cleaners-\$24.00 (gen); Cody's U-Save Pharmacy-\$457.89; Quick Med Claims-\$155.78(res); Board of Public-\$33,260.96(wtr,swr); Brent Lottman-\$62.89 (fr,rurfr); Hawkins-\$559.23(wtr); Heather L. Pemberton CPA-\$485.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$8.06(wtr,swr); Neb. Public Health Enviro. Lab-\$267.00(wtr); Decker's Food Center-\$42.47(gen); Purchase Power-\$208.99(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.** At or about 6:00 p.m., Public Hearing came on before the Council for the application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Public Discussion was had, and the Public Hearing was closed by the Mayor at or about 6:30 p.m.

**Item 2.** At or about 6:30 p.m. with no further public discussion and upon the close of the Public Hearing by the Mayor (Agenda It. 1), Councilmember Peregoy made motion to accept application to the Nebraska Department of Economic Development for a Community Development Block Grant No. 2 in the amount of \$435,000 CBDG with a \$300,000 match from the City of Peru; said motion was seconded by Councilmember Vogt; Discussion was had; Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 3.** At or about 6:32 p.m., Public Hearing came on before the Council for the USDA Rural Development for financial assistance to help fund the purchase of an ambulance and the purchase of a fire truck. Public Discussion was had, and the Public Hearing was closed by the Mayor at or about 6:45 p.m.

**Item 4-5.** At or about 6:45 p.m., with no further public discussion and upon the close of the Public Hearing by the Mayor (Agenda It. 3), Councilmember Peregoy made motion to approve Resolution 2020-04 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk of City of Peru, Nebraska to execute documents required to receive United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development Financial Assistance; Councilmember Coatney seconded said motion; Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 6.** Discussion heard by the Council from Brent Melvin and Brent Lottman in review of bids for Ambulance. The Ambulance will be a 2019, F450, 4x4 for \$174,299.00 through North Central with a 55% match from the USDA. The Ambulance will be available in approximately 1 month. Councilmember Peregoy made motion to accept bid for Ambulance pending USDA

funding; Councilmember Coatney seconded said motion; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 7.** Discussion heard by the Council from Brent Melvin and Brent Lottman in review of bids for replacement Fire Truck. The Fire truck is \$98,000.00 with USDA paying \$50,000.00. The remaining cost will be a 10-year loan at 2.25% interest. The Department is expecting to sell the 1990 GMC for around \$10,000.00-\$15,000.00 to help with this purchase. Councilmember Peregoy made motion to accept bid for the replacement Fire Truck pending USDA funding; Councilmember Coatney seconded said motion; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 8.** Update from ImPERUving as oNE and Long-Term Recovery Group (LTRG). Peru State College President, Dan Hanson talked about how they were still working on a lot of different items like the grocery store and a full-time position at the Peru City Hall for a Grant Writer. He stated that they are working with Congressman Smith who has a bill in place and if it passes, we will get federal funding to repair our levies. No action by Council.

**Item 9.** After brief questions from the public with Crystal Dunekacke about the cost of SENDD Contracting Membership and why we pay it, Councilmember Peregoy made motion to pay the membership and housing fees; Seconded by Councilmember Coatney; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 10-11.** With opportunity for consideration and discussion, motion was made by Councilmember Coatney to accept applications from Don and Amy Arms for volunteer membership with the Peru Volunteer Fire Department; Seconded by Councilmember Vogt; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 12.** After brief questions and discussion from the public and discussion by Council with Deputy Clerk, Angela Allgood, Councilmember Peregoy made motion to accept Neon Links proposal for electronic bill pay; seconded by Council Member Vogt; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 13.** Councilmember Peregoy made motion to approve the One-and Six Year Street Plan for the City of Peru, NE; seconded by Councilmember Coatney; and Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried. The One-and-Six Year Str. Plan will come back before the Council and public at Public Hearing at the September 21, 2020 Public Council Session.

**Item 14.** Discussion from the Public and with JEO Consultant, Zach Schulz, indicated that there were pressure and volume issues to address and repair covering 7<sup>th</sup> and Park up to 8<sup>th</sup> St. JEO thought it would be possible we would be looking at a \$60,000.00 bid out. After questions and discussion from the public about the 2020 Park Street Water Main Extension Project bids, a motion was made by Councilmember Coatney to approve plans and specifications for the 2020

Park Street Water Main Extension Project; seconded by Councilmember Vogt; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 15.** Councilmember Coatney made a motion to approve the authorization of payment of the NDHHS construction permit application fee and authorize JEO Consulting Group to submit the plans to the NDHHS to obtain a construction permit for the 2020 Park Street Water Main Extension Project. Councilmember Vogt seconded the motion; Discussion was had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 16.** Discussion and questions from the public with JEO Consultant, Zach Schulz, indicated that the City could get a proposed bid in by September 2020, and be able to start construction in 2020. Z. Schulz stated it could take up to two months once all the paperwork and rules/regulations were met to start the work. No further discussion before the Council, Councilmember Vogt made a motion to approve the authorization of JEO Consulting Group to coordinate with City Clerk to establish a bid opening date and begin advertising for bids for the 2020 Park Street Water Main Extension Project; seconded by Councilmember Peregoy; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 17.** Discussion and questions with public participation was had. JEO Consultant, Zach Schulz, gave numerous reasons as to why wells in Peru, NE could not be used. Z. Schulz went over possible options of seeking water through Nebraska City, NE, as well as Rock Port, MO. Discussion was had on possible use and upgrade of the City’s current water treatment plant. Councilmember Peregoy made motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Auburn Board of Public works detailing a watermain connection to the BPW/City of Auburn, NE; Councilmember Coatney seconded said motion; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

**Item 18.** Discussion of Potential permanent wastewater system improvements. JEO Consultant, City Engineer; Zach Schulz, answered questions from the public and Council. Z. Schulz stated to restore the lagoons to pre-flood conditions would take about \$300,000.00 and that FEMA would cover 75%. He stated there is great probability that the lagoons will flood every year. Z. Schulz is evaluating the lagoons to determine if the City should apply for a 404 Hazard Mitigation Grant through FEMA. No action was requested or taken on this Item by Council.

With no further Agenda Items, questions, or discussion, Councilmember Coatney made motion to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Vogt; Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

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Dave Pease, Mayor

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Angela Allgood, Deputy Clerk