

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON June 17, 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 May 20, 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 city sales tax for March 2019 was \$2,997.58 and that June 2019 Hwy Allocation was \$6,371.69.

Council Member Pease made motion to approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hunter. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

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OPPD-\$5,406.65 (gen,sts,p&r,rurfr,wtr); Windstream-\$581.48(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Black Hill Energy-\$698.51(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$38.75(gen); The Cleaners-\$24.00(gen); Casey's-\$1,672.25(sts,fr,rurfr,res); Card Services(Orscheln)\$339.57(gen);Access Systems-\$158.19(gen); Westech-\$40,750.00(wtr);Robert Dean-\$36.91(fr,rurfr); Eakes-\$111.54(gen); Rodeway Inn-\$662.82(fr,rurfr); OK Tire-\$20.00(sts); Miranda Decker-\$28.46(fr,rurfr); Brent Lottman-\$54.25(res); Schmidt's Inc.-\$24,500.00(wtr); Brent Brown-\$29.29(fr,rurfr); Brent Lottman-\$227.53(fr,rurfr); Concrete Industries-\$427.63(sts); JEO Consulting-\$1,725.00(wtr); Michael Mullins-\$31.56(fr,rurfr); American Recycling and Sanitation-\$3,000.46(gen); Sack Lumber-\$13.01(sts); Miller Monroe Farrell-\$23.00(p&r); Nebraska Public Health Labs-\$306.00(wtr); Auburn Automotive-\$1,119.99(sts); Egger Bros. Inc.-\$51.00(fr,rurfr); Dicks Sporting Goods-\$276.88(wtr); Feld Fire-\$62.95(fr,rurfr); Purchase Power-\$217.98(gen); Brent Melvin-\$19.83(res); Farmers Cooperative-\$640.75(wtr); Emergency Medical products-\$42.88(fr,rurfr); EMS Billing-\$87.44(res); Auburn Newspaper-\$78.69(gen); Auburn Board of Public Works-\$8,366.62(wtr); Emergency Medical Products-\$42.88(res); Farmers Cooperative-\$468.80(wtr); JEO Consulting-\$37,735.00(wtr); Midwest Laboratories-\$190.70(wtr); Pitney Bowes-\$140.55(gen)

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

Second request was made by Alan Adams with Peru Drainage District for the City of Peru to clean up the ditch that is east of 5th Street on Mulberry Street. Mayor Reeves communicated that a work order would be processed by City staff and workers pursuant to request.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Pease made motion to appoint Heather Pemberton as the accountant for the City of Peru. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion; Discussion; Roll Call Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Council Member Pease made motion to accept the resignation of accountant Jamie Aue. Council Member Jones seconded this motion; Discussion; Roll Call Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Vanessa Sherman with ImPERUving as One reported that the group had nothing additional to update the City on. No action requested by Council; no Council Action motioned.

Vanessa Sherman with Peru Community Impact Group thanked the City for the Old Man River Days sponsorship. She updated the City on the community meal calendar and where the bee sculpture is going to be located. She also reported that the flood funds are dispersed evenly amongst the individuals that were living on the north end of town and had substantial damage. No action requested by Council; no Council Action motioned.

Vanessa Sherman with Peru Community Impact Group requested use of the ball field for summer community events. She requested that it kept mowed and sprayed for mosquitoes. Council Member Pease stated that it is kept mowed but the City will not spray in the field. No formal action by Council was motioned.

Phil Wemhoff presented to the Council that change be made with rental property parking. Wemhoff stated there should be as many parking spaces as there are tenants per rental home. No formal action by Council was motioned.

Phil Wemhoff presented to the Council the city maintenance employee's job duties. After brief discussion no formal action by Council was motioned.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve Resolution 2019-01 to participate in Nemaha County Mutual Finance Organization. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Brief discussion; Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

The Council further discussed the permanent water options that were presented by JEO at the May Council Meeting. After lengthy discussion it was stated to hold a special meeting where the community would be able to voice their opinion and different organizations attend to help assist in any questions that the community and council may have. No formal action by Council was motioned.

Bids received from Engineering Services were reviewed. Council Member Hunter made motion that the City accept JEO Engineering Services proposal to help guide the city with repairs due to flooding. Council Member Pease seconded the motion; Discussion held; Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

Council reviewed the Water/Wastewater Pre-application for state and/or federal assistance. No formal action motioned by Council.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the statement of values for insurance company. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion; brief discussion; Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

Council Member Hunter motioned that Resolution No. 2019-02 of the City of Peru, NE, by the City Council, to put the question to the public on the November 3, 2020, General Election ballot, for the City of Peru, NE, nominating and electing members to its City Council by "at Large" election, instead of electing members by "Ward" be approved. Council Member Jones seconded the motion; discussion held; Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

After consideration and brief discussion for the City of Peru to contract with the Village of Nemaha to spray for mosquitoes, No formal action was motioned by Council.

Council Member Hunter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-04 “An ordinance authorizing the suspension of rules; vacating a portion of Park Street located between 5th and 6th Street, in Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska; to authorize amendment of the official zoning map of the City to show said change; to provide for the repeal of conflicting ordinances or sections thereof; and to provide for an effective date. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Ordinance No. 2019-04 came on for presentation to the Council, motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by Council by roll call vote for the minutes of these proceedings to be kept in a separate and distinct volume known as the “Ordinance Record of the City of Peru, NE.; motion was made, seconded, and approved unanimously by the Council by roll

call vote, for the suspension of statutory rules in regard to the passage and approval of Ordinances be suspended so that Ordinance No. 2019-04 may be introduced, read by title and moved for final passage at the same meeting; The passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-04 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, having been concurred in by a majority of all members of the Council of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, the Mayor declares said Ordinance No. 2019-04, adopted and approved, as said Ordinance No. 2019-04 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, by subscribing his name thereto and the Municipal Clerk of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, attesting his signature by subscribing her name thereto and affixing thereon the seal of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, and order that said Ordinance be published, pursuant to Nebraska law.

Council Member Hunter made motion to bring forth Ordinance No. 2019-03 “An ordinance to authorize Mayor approval of City expenditures up to \$2,500.00 per claim, without prior City Council approval”; to provide for the repeal of conflicting ordinances or sections thereof; and to provide for an effective date. Ordinance No. 2019-03 came on for presentation to the Council, motion was made and seconded for the first reading. The first reading of Ordinance No. 2019-03 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, was carried on the first reading. Council member Pease seconded the motion; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

Council Member Hunter stated that discussion from the May 20, 2019 Council Meeting that a council member cannot approve of spending money should have been taken care of by the Mayor and not brought to Council. No action requested by Council; no Council Action motioned.

Council Member Hunter updated the Council progression on of Comprehensive Plan & Housing Study. After brief discussion no formal action motioned by Council.

Council reviewed City Code procedure for City of Peru Procurement Process. No action requested by Council; no Council Action motioned.

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

Darrin Reeves, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer