

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU,
NEBRASKA ON May 20, 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 April 15, 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 February 2019 totaled \$2,649.67. May 2019 HWY Allocation totaled \$5,909.84. It was requested that the City look into how other utility providers handle late/no payment accounts, the City Clerk reported her findings.

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

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OPPD-\$4,649.82 (gen,sts,p&r,rurfr,wtr); Windstream-\$399.27(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Black Hill Energy-\$774.40(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$38.75(gen); Aue & Company-\$450.00(gen); The Cleaners-\$48.00(gen); Casey's-\$1,193.28(sts,fr,rurfr,res); AT&T-\$85.16(gen); Access Systems-\$184.19(gen); Stuheit Implement-\$16.79(sts); Sack Lumber-\$136.50(sts); Eakes Office Solutions-\$179.95(gen); Dearborn National-\$3.44(fr,rurfr); JEO Consulting-\$14,747.50(wtr); Lincoln Winwater Works Co.-\$79.88(wtr); Neb. Public Health Environ-\$336.00(wtr); Hamilton Equip-\$193.98(sts); Miller Monroe Farrell-\$6,291.00(gen); Feld Fire-\$962.75(fr,rurfr); Schmidts-\$30,590.00(wtr); Auburn Plumbing & Heating-\$17.44(wtr); NMPP-\$150.00(gen); Mellage Truck & Tractor-\$116.00(gen); Brent Lottman-\$80.75(fr,rurfr); First Wireless, INC-\$144.00(fr,rurfr); Purchase Power-\$108.99(gen); Auburn Newspaper-\$450.11(gen); S Systems,LLC-\$294.14(gen); Auburn BPW-\$6,547.91(wtr); Ligouri Law Office-\$2,344.93(gen); EMS Billing Services-\$183.71(res); Barco MunicipalProducts-\$167.60(sts); American Recycling & Sanitation-\$2,150.00(gen); Black Hills Energy-\$549.38(gen); One Call Concepts-\$16.90(wtr); NAPA Auto Parts-\$29.97(sts); Egger Bros. Inc.-\$51.00(fr,rurfr); Sargent Drilling -\$17,663.06(wtr); Nestor & Mercure -\$125.00(gen); Farmers Cooperative -\$619.92(gen); Aue & Company-\$150.00(gen); Bradley Electric-\$6,283.12(fr,rurfr); Midwest Custom Coatings-\$2,100.00(wtr); Schmidts-\$30,940.00(wtr); Midwest Labs-\$211.00(wtr); D.R. Containers-\$3,550.00(wtr); Emergency Medical Products-\$187.81(res)

Abbreviations = General(gen), Streets(sts), Water(wtr), Sewer(swr), 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

Council Member Jones made motion to lower each of the \$14,000.00 farm rent installments by \$4,000.00 for 2019. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request made by Iris Arch Hunter requiring the office staff to correct water usage, was discussed. Mayor Reeves stated that he will oversee contacting the utility bill software program to resolve this issue. No formal action by Council was motioned.

Request made by Iris Arch Hunter requiring the office staff to work no more than the combined 40 hours per week. After a brief discussion no formal action by Council was motioned and the matter died.

Request was made by Jeannie Montanelli with the Village of Nemaha asking if the City of Peru would contract out spraying for mosquitoes. After a brief discussion the City of Peru decided to gather more information that could be presented to the Village of Nemaha.

Request was made by Alan Adams for the City of Peru to clean up the ditch that is east of 5th Street on Mulberry Street. No formal action by Council was motioned.

Cindy DeLaCruz stated that disabled vehicles and eye sore properties that she initially wanted to address have been cleaned up. No formal action by Council was motioned.

Marty Peregoy discussed with the Council about changing the ward bylaws to allow for at-large members. The matter was discussed for the City attorney to prepare the necessary documents to move forward with removing the wards and have the first steps be on June's agenda. No formal action by Council was motioned.

JEO presented the 2011 Water System Preliminary Engineering Report Amendment. Zach Schultz with JEO and Mitch Cline gave a report that defined pre-flood conditions. The recommendations broke down 3 different options for the water treatment plant. First option was to repair the current treatment plant, second option was to relocate to higher ground due to the recent flooding, and the third option was regional water. After discussion, it was decided to hold another informative meeting, at a later date, to discuss the second and third option in more detail.

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the Fire and Rescue change life insurance to EMC National Life at the end of current policy term. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Brief discussion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Vanessa Sherman with the Peru Community Impact Group reported on the flood funds received so far and, the guidelines that go along with the dispersal of the funds. No action requested by Council; no Council Action motioned.

President Dan Hansen gave an update on behalf of ImPERUving As One. The group has four different planning teams and their focus right now is how they can help the community recover from the recent flooding. No action requested by Council; no Council Action motioned.

Tim Potter discussed with the Council about closing the overgrown part of Park Street between 5th Street and 6th Street. The Council would like the City attorney to draw up the necessary paperwork for June's council meeting, so this discussion can move forward. No formal action motioned by Council.

After a brief discussion, regarding only the Mayor has the authority to spend up to a certain dollar amount, not a council member, it was requested that an ordinance be written that states the Mayor has the authority to approve up to \$2,500.00, without having to have it approved by the Council. The City attorney will prepare this ordinance for the June City Council Meeting. No formal action was motioned by Council at this Session.

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

Darrin Reeves, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer