

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON NOVEMBER 18, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Darrin Reeves called the meeting to order and informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Present were: Mayor Darrin Reeves, and Council Members: Dave Pease, Bill Hunter and Ethan Coatney. Absent: Council Member Jason Jones. Upon roll call by the City Clerk, a quorum was declared.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the October 21, 2019 regular Council meeting. Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All present. Motion Carried.

The City Clerk reported that the November HWY Allocation was \$6,800.98. She also reported that after meeting with SUEZ (Utility Service Co., Inc) the City has cancelled the Well 88-1 maintenance contract due to it longer being in service. All service and billing for Well 88-1 will cease and the August 1st invoice will be credited.

Council Member Hunter made the motion to approve the claims already paid pursuant to Resolution No. 2018-01. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pease, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” – 3, Motion Carried.

Council Member Pease made motion to approve the claims still needing paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hunter. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” – 3, Motion Carried.

JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$1,017.50(sw); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$6,622.50(wtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$5,738.00(wtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$966.25(wtr); Westech-\$12,600.00(wtr); Hawkins-\$799.27 (wtr); OPPD-\$3,332.63gen,sts,wtr,fr,rurfr,p&r); Windstream-\$402.93(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$41.63(gen); Card Services-\$255.86(gen); Black Hills Energy-\$55.38(gen,fr,rurfr); Metering & Tech. Solutions-\$329.57(wtr); Lynch’s Hardware-\$5.98(gen); HireRight-\$27.03(gen); Miller Monroe Farrell-\$6,616.00(gen); Access Leasing Systems-\$163.89(gen); Purchase Power-\$251.07(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation-\$2,861.30(gen); Auburn Automotive-\$85.50(res,sts); Kelly Adams-\$21.99(gen); One Call Concepts-\$7.67(gen); Board of Public Works-\$5,234.42(gen); Cornhusker Press-\$65.85(gen); Napa Auto-\$53.20(sts); Auburn Newspaper-\$301.20(gen); Decker’s Food Center-\$11.98(gen); Heather Pemberton-\$425.00(gen); Ligouri Law Office-\$2,823.00(gen); EMS Billing Service-\$203.56(res)

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Reeves stated the water report can be found in the Clerk's office and that there was no mayor report.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1 & 2. Mayor Reeves directed that agenda items 1 and 2 be moved to the end of the Council Session, discussion was had, Council approved action by three-fourths vote and Agenda Items 1 and 2 were moved to the last to items on the agenda other than consideration of adjournment of Council Session.

Item 3. Council Member Pease made motion to approve catering addition to liquor license for Ruth Heywood DBA 5th Street Post. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hunter. Discussion was had, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" - 3. Motion Carried.

Item 4. Two members from Nebraska Strong Recovery Project spoke to the Council and the People that they are in the area, and available to speak to any individual who feels like they may need emotional assistance at this time. No Council action was requested.

Item 5. Brett Adams with Northeast Nemaha County Long Term Recovery Group gave an update on what the group has been working on and what members form the group. He stated that the group is focused on infrastructure at this time.

Item 6. A representative from ImPERUving as oNE was not present for an update.

Item 7. Zach Schulz with JEO discussed the General Engineering Task Order 2019-3 for Temporary WTP and Well Emergency Power Alternative Analysis. He stated that the City's current generator is suitable for the water treatment plant and that this will be a cost saver. He discussed with the council briefly on an automatic setup compared to a manual set up for the generator as well as the comparison cost of leasing/buying new/ or buying a used second generator for back up. Council had discussion on how automatic system would be the most beneficial and that leasing would save money. No formal action.

Item 8. Zach Schulz with JEO discussed the General Engineering Task Order 2019-5 for Temporary WTP and Well Emergency Power Bidding and Construction Phase Services. After brief discussion of where the site for the generator will be Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the General Engineering Task Order 2019-5 for Temporary WTP and Well Emergency Power Bidding and Construction Phase Services. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Item 9. Zach Schulz with JEO discussed the field results of General Engineering Task Order 2019-4 for 8th and Park Street Water Pressure Review. Council discussed pressure issues and how the pressure loss was double of a normal water line. Council Member Hunter made motion

to approve alternative #4 which consists of the replacement of the water line from 7th & Park Street to 8th & Park Street with a 4" PVC water main and replacement of the water line from 8th & Park Street to Location #2 with a new 2" PE water line. Motion was not seconded and died for lack of a second. No further action was taken.

Item 10. Zach Schulz with JEO discussed with the Council mitigation funding in regards to damaged road assessment. He recommended that with the general nature of how the north area floods mitigation wouldn't be beneficial for certain projects. The 2 projects that would benefit from mitigation is 5th Street to Plum Street and Mulberry Street running east to the lagoons. Upon brief discussion no formal action was made by Council.

Item 11. Council Member Hunter updated the Council on the information he obtained regarding EDA grants that could benefit the City by helping with the cost of street repair, curbing and sidewalks. After brief discussion the Council was interested in moving forward with getting estimates that could be taken into consideration by the EDA and USDA. No formal action was taken at this time.

Item 12. Council had a lengthy discussion as to what they would like to see take place with water rates to help cover the deficit. Council Member Pease stated that the temporary water treatment plant is limited and the City needs to see conservation. In order to implement this we need to reward the ones conserving and charge the ones who don't conserve. Council Member Hunter informed the Council and Public present that the City's billing system has the capability to do multiple tiers and discounts for different scenarios. No action taken. Further consideration may be before the Council at regular public Council Session in December 2019.

Item 13. Council Member Pease made motion to approve that the presented retirement plan policy be added to the employee handbook, Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" – 3, Motion Carried.

Item 14. Council Member Hunter moved that the City send the current City Clerk – Treasurer to the 2020 Municipal Clerk Institute and Academy with all expenses paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Item 15. Council Member Hunter motioned that the annual performance appraisal for Charlotte Carpenter be approved and that they refer back to the Mayor as far as raises. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated; "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Item 16. Council Member Hunter motioned that the annual performance appraisal for Scott Coatney be approved and that they refer back to the Mayor as far as raises. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pease. Roll Call Vote indicated; Pease- "AYE", Hunter – "AYE", Coatney –

“Abstain”. Action failed for approval by the majority of Council. Motion to reconsider may be before the Council at December Public Council Session.

Item 17. Removed from Agenda as issue is moot, Cailyn Winkelman resigned her position to accept employment elsewhere.

Item 18. Council Member Hunter motioned that the annual performance appraisal for Kelly Adams be approved and that they refer back to the Mayor as far as raises. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pease, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” – 3, Motion Carried.

Item 1. Council Member Pease made motion to approve the resignation of Mayor Darrin Reeves. Motion was seconded by Council Member Coatney. Council Member Pease and Hunter both stated that they would like to recognize Darrin for his great work and the time that he has spent as mayor and as a council member, Discussion had, Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” – 3, Motion Carried.

Item 2. The City Clerk swore in Council President Dave Pease, pursuant to Neb. Statute, as the Mayor of the City of Peru for the remainder of the unexpired term with the acceptance of Council President Dave Pease.

Item 21. With there being no further business, Council Member Hunter made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All. Motion Carried.

Dave Pease, Mayor

Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer