

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON OCTOBER 21, 2019 AT 6:00 P.M.**

City Council President Dave Pease called the meeting to order and informed the public of the location of the Nebraska Open meeting Act posting.

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

The Council reviewed the minutes from the September 16, 2019 regular Council meeting. Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated; "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

The Deputy Clerk reported that the July 2019 City Sales Tax in the amount of \$4,847.55 was collected, along with the 1<sup>st</sup> District Municipal Equalization deposit of \$21,867.84, October 2019 Highway Allocation in the amount of \$8,467.90 was also collected. The City of Peru also received a grant in the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation.

Council Member Hunter made the 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.

Council Member Coatney made motion to approve the claims to be paid. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hunter. Vote indicated; "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

NE Public Health Environmental Lab- \$1,006.00(wtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$172.50(swtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$740.00(wtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$2,131.25(wtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$12,109.88(wtr); JEO Consulting & Engineering-\$19,560.39(wtr); Hawkins, Inc.-\$1,939.35(wtr); Haco Electric-\$6,194.00(wtr); Westech-\$12,600.00(wtr); OPPD-\$1,676.33(gen,sts,wtr,fr,rurfr,p&r); Windstream-\$505.38(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$41.63(gen); Card Services-\$124.00(gen); Black Hills Energy-\$73.92(gen,fr,rurfr); The Cleaners-\$24.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$18.04(gen); United Life Insurance-\$113.50(gen); Casey Agency-\$100.00(fr,rurfr); Allegiant Emergency Services-\$1,015.45(fr,rurfr); Access Leasing Systems-\$158.19(gen); American Recycling & Sanitation-\$4,196.50(gen); Pitney Bowes-\$108.99(gen); Auburn Automotive-\$443.71(res); Auburn Automotive-\$1,192.64(sts); Auburn Newspaper-\$214.55(gen); Auburn Board of Public Works-\$7,092.63(wtr); Heather Pemberton, CPA-\$2,325.00(gen); OK Tire Store-\$25.00(sts); Napa Auto Parts-\$27.66(fr,rurfr); Suez-\$3,460.47(wtr); Auburn Family Health Center-\$35.00(gen); Eakes Office Solutions-\$126.84(gen); Family Value Pharmacy-\$282.60(res); EMS Billing Services-\$21.86(res).

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**

Council Member President Dave Pease stated there was no Old Business to be discussed.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Item 1.** ImPeruvig as One updated the Council and the people of the current projects/ideas that the group is working on. Currently, they are meeting monthly and working on events with Peru State College to host and provide services to the City with volunteer labor from the students. No action was requested.

**Item 2.** Dr. Dan Hansen, representing the Long Term Recovery Committee, spoke on their meeting that was held the previous Friday and discussed they will be meeting weekly to work on long term goals for the City of Peru. No Action was requested.

**Item 3.** Ken Halvorsen from the Nebraska Rural Water Association spoke to the Council in regards to the SRF funding the City of Peru is receiving for flood expenses and discussed the initial assessment that was made to begin this process. Overall the assessment scored well for the City and “really looked pretty good”. No red flags and items that may need assistance will be re-evaluated within the next 6-12 months for a follow-up assessment. No Action requested.

**Item 4.** Switching payroll from NMPP to Heather Pemberton, CPA was discussed among Council Members. They concluded that switching would save the City of Peru annually. Council member Hunter made a motion to approve Heather Pemberton to take over payroll services. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion was had, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

**Item 5.** Council Member Hunter made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-05 Municipal Annual Certification of Program Compliance. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion was had, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

**Item 6.** Council Member Hunter made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-06 Nemaha County LEOP. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion was had, Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

**Item 7.** After discussion to approve Resolution 2019-07, a proposed resolution to create a Housing Grant Committee and possible criteria and regulations for housing grants the council unanimously decided to Table this Item to the November 18, 2019 City Council Meeting due to Mayor Darrin Reeves and Council Member Jason Jones not unable to be present in consideration of the Resolution.

**Item 8.** Council moved and seconded the suspension of rules to allow Ordinance No. 2019-07 to be moved, considered, and approved at one meeting. Roll Call Vote was taken and approved 4 – “Aye” and 0-“Naye”. City Ordinance No. 2019-07 came on for reading and consideration by the City Council. Council Member Hunter read the Ordinance by title and moved for final passage, “Ordinance No. 2019-07 - An Ordinance proposing Chapter 51: Water Regulations, to the City Code of Ordinances, considering the City public water service operation, access, billing and related regulations.” Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion was had by the Council and Roll Call Vote indicated; “AYE” All. Motion: Carried. Ordinance passed.

**Item 9.** Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the General Engineering Task Order 2019-03 for the Temporary WTP and Well Emergency Power Alternative Analysis. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Discussion was had by Council - This would allow JEO to look at generators to be put in place incase power is lost to the Temporary Water Treatment Plant and the Well in the event of a blizzard or any other type of weather causing power to be lost. They are going to confirm the generator the City of Peru already has will work with the equipment and lease another one. Roll Call Vote made and indicated; “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

**Item 10.** Council Member Hunter made a motion to approve the General Engineering Task Order 2019-04 for address 7<sup>th</sup> and Park Avenue Water Pressure Review. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Zach Schulz with JEO Consulting & Engineering discussed with the City Council and Devon Adams about testing for pressure finds, looking at higher elevations, smaller lines, or volume issues all before it freezes to hopefully come to some sort of understanding on the evolving issues. Discussion had and Roll Call Vote made and indicated; “AYE” All. Motion: Carried.

**Item 11.** After discussion with Zach Schulz of JEO Consulting & Engineering with the council on the Flood Restorations Task Order 191141.06 for the Test Hole Program Engineering Services there was No Action Taken. Zach briefly discussed the different options including membrane filtration systems, surface water treatment systems, and hooking up with the City of Auburn for water options. They discussed the different pros and cons of each option and now have a general direction on where to start proceeding with the Long Term Plans and also factoring the cost options.

**Item 12.** 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.

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Dave Pease, Mayor

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Charlotte Carpenter, City Clerk - Treasurer