

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON September 16, 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 August 19, 2019 regular Council meeting. Council Member Pease made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

The Council reviewed the minutes from the September 5, 2019 special Council meeting. Council Member Pease made motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Vote indicated: "AYE": Hunter, Coatney, Pease "ABSTAIN": Jones. Motion: Carried.

The City Clerk reported that the City of Peru was awarded the 2019 Nebraska Affordable Housing Trust Fund Purchase/ Rehabilitation/ Resale with Down Payment Assistance grant of \$500,000.00. Also reported was the September 2019 Hwy Allocation of \$6,765.43.

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

Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the claims. Motion was seconded by Council Member Pease. Discussion had, Vote indicated: "AYE" All. Motion: Carried.

Hydro Optimization & Automation-\$10,666.05(wtr); Hawkins-\$459.21(wtr); Grainger-\$197.03(wtr); Westech-\$12,600.00(wtr); JEO-\$47,329.75(wtr); JEO-\$3,723.75(wtr); NE Public Health Environ. Lab-\$559.00(wtr); Rieschick Drilling Inc.-\$14,135.00(wtr); Farmers Coop-\$674.00(wtr); Midwest Labs-\$400.57(wtr); OPPD-\$1,517.00(gen,sts,wtr,fr.rurfr,p&r); Windstream-\$649.25(gen,wtr,fr,rurfr); Verizon-\$41.63(gen); Card Services-\$169.97(gen); The Cleaners-\$48.00(gen); Blue Rivers Area Agency-\$100.00(gen); Access Systems-\$158.19(gen); Egger Bros, Inc.-\$8.67(sts); Eakes Office Solutions-\$77.88(gen); Miller Monroe Farrell-\$15.00(fr,rurfr); Feld Fire-\$5,648.41(fr,rurfr); American Recycling & Sanitation-\$2,150.00(gen); League of Municipalities-\$886.00(gen); Auburn Board of Public Works-\$9,142.74(wtr); Heather Pemberton, CPA-\$800.00(gen); One Call Concepts-\$9.22(gen); Auburn Newspaper-\$113.52(gen); Emergency Maintenance Apparatus-\$728.99(fr,rurfr); EMS Billing Services-\$177.42(res); 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.

John Roberts updated the Council that he has a crew coming to clean up and remove his trailer mid-October timeframe.

NEW BUSINESS

Item 1. Shirley Douglas addressed the Council on her issue with the neighbors parking and leaving trash in her yard. The City Clerk sent a letter to try and help discourage any further issues. No Council action made.

Item 2. President Hanson updated the Council on what ImPERUving as One is currently working towards. The group wants to form a long term recovery group that will assist in finding grants that could benefit the City and help recover from the March flood. No Council Action made.

Item 3. Peru Community Impact group requested to change the street closing date for the Fall Festival from October 12th to October 27th from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Council Member Hunter made motion to approve closing the portion of 5th street on October 27th from 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

Item 4. Council Member Jones asked JEO representative Zach Schulz the status of the leak on Washington and 3rd Street. Zach responded that efforts are progressing to locate and repair issue. No Council action made.

Item 5. After brief discussion on what would need to take place for Peru to connect to Rural Water Council Member Hunter made motion to thank JEO and Rural Water and terminate Task Order No. 191141.02 Nemaha County Rural Water Connection Alternative Analysis. Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Disc. had, Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

Item 6. Zach Schulz with JEO explained that Task Order No. 191141.03 Test Hole Program Engineering Services JEO is to achieve 250 gallon per minute rate. The only way to achieve this rate is drill test holes in the river bottom. After further discussion Council Member Hunter requested to see the cost on elevation wells at the October Council Meeting. No Council Action made.

Item 7. Council Member Hunter made motion to authorize JEO to advertise for proposals for the 2019 Temporary Water Treatment Winterization Modifications. Council Member Jones seconded the motion, Disc had, Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

Item 8. Mayor Reeves opened public hearing on the City of Peru, NE, One- and Six-Year Street Plan Fiscal Year 19/20-24/25. After brief discussion with City Engineer, Council Member Pease stated that he would like to consider Oregon Street for repair. Public hearing was closed.

Item 9. Council Member Pease made motion to approve Resolution No, 2019-04 adopting the One- and Six-Year Plan for Street Improvement Program for the City of Peru, Nebraska. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion; Disc. had, Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

Item 10. Mayor Reeves opened public hearing on the City’s proprietary budget for 2019-2020 fiscal year at 7:00 p.m. After brief discussion from the Council, Mayor Reeves asked for public opinion. No statements from the public were offered. Public hearing closed at 7:14 p.m. Council Member Hunter made motion to approve the City of Peru, NE’s budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year, including cash balances, cash reserves, receipts and expenditures of the city funds, interlocal agreements, capital improvements, capital outlays, grant projects, reuse accounts, keno accounts, and sinking funds, and further authorize publication of any changes to the Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary previously published. Council Member Jones seconded the motion; Discussion had; Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

Item 11. Budget Items:

(1) Council Member Pease made motion to increase the base of restricted funds by 2.5% and the additional amount for allowable growth. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

(2) Council Member Hunter made motion to Exceed the Budget Limit by an additional 1%. Council Member Pease seconded the motion. Discussion Had. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

(3) Council Member Coatney made motion that the total unused restricted funds authority be set in accordance with the approved allowable increases. Council Member Hunter seconded the motion. Discussion Had. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

(4) Council Member Hunter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-05 “An ordinance authorizing the suspension of rules; to adopt the budget statement to be termed as the annual appropriation bill; to appropriate sums for necessary expenses and liabilities; and to provide for an effective date.” Council Member Coatney seconded the motion. Ordinance 2019-05 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. 2019-05 may be introduced, read by title and moved for final passage at the same meeting; Ordinance No. 2019-05 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska was read by Title and moved for final passage by Councilmember, Hunter, seconded by, Coatney, discussion was had, and Roll Call Vote taken: Hunter “AYE”, Coatney “AYE”, Pease “AYE”, Jones “AYE”. “NAY” None, Ordinance passed.

The passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-05 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. 2019-05, adopted and approved, as said Ordinance No. 2019-05 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.

(5) Council Member Hunter moved to approve Ordinance No. 2019-06 “An ordinance of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska, fixing compensation of the officers and employees of the City; to repeal conflicting ordinances and sections of said City; and prescribing the time when this ordinance shall be in full force and effect.” Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Ordinance 2019-06 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. 2019-06 may be introduced, read by title and moved for final passage at the same meeting; Ordinance No. 2019-06 of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska was read by Title and moved for final passage by Councilmember, Hunter, seconded by, Jones, discussion was had, and Roll Call Vote taken: Hunter “AYE”, Coatney “AYE”, Pease “AYE”, Jones “AYE”. “NAY” None, Ordinance passed.

The passage and adoption of Ordinance No. 2019-06 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. 2019-06, adopted and approved, as said Ordinance No. 2019-06 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.

Item 12. Mayor Reeves opened public hearing to set the final tax request at 7:26 p.m. Mayor Reeves asked for any public comment. No statements were made, discussion by Council, Mayor Reeves closed the public hearing at 7:27 p.m. Council Member Hunter made motion to set the final property tax request by the City of Peru, NE for the 2019-2020 fiscal year by the passage and adoption of Resolution No. 2019-03. Council Member Jones seconded the motion. Discussion had. Roll Call Vote indicated: “AYE” All. Motion: Carried

Item 13. 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