

MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PERU, NEBRASKA ON THE 2nd DAY of JULY 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Mayor and Council of the City of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska were called to meet at City Hall at 614 5th Street, Peru, Nebraska 68421, on the 2nd of JULY 2026, at 6:00 P.M., for a Regular Meeting. This meeting was open to the public with advance notice of said regular meeting, the designated method of giving notice, including the agenda for said meeting, or the availability thereof was posted at: Peru City Hall, Western National Bank (Bank of Peru), and the Community Bulletin Board.

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

Agenda Item 1 – Roll Call

At 6:00pm a roll call was taken, and the following was recorded for attendance.

PRESENT – Mayor Theresa Westfall; Councilmembers Brent Brown, Rachel Brown, and Josh Whisler.

A quorum was declared pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. 17-105.

Agenda Item 2 – Recognition of Visitors:

Council President Theresa Westfall informed the public that a copy of City Resolution #2017-02 Pertaining to Conduct Rules for City Council Meetings may be requested from the City Clerk.

Agenda Item 3 – Council Vacancy Appointment

A. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Appointment to Fill the Vacant Position on the City Council for the Remainder of the Unexpired Term, Ending in December 2028. | *Agenda Item from Mayor Westfall.*

Mayor T. Westfall recommended the appointment of Julia Perry to fill the vacant position on the City Council. There was no discussion.

Councilmember B. Brown moved to appoint Julia Perry to fill the vacant position on the City Council for the Remainder of the Unexpired Term, Ending in December 2028. J. Whisler seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

J. Whisler – AYE, B. Brown – AYE, R. Brown – AYE.

On this vote, the AYES are 3, the NAYS are 0. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 4 – Oath of Office

B. ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE: To the Newly Appointed Member of the Peru City Council in accordance with Nebraska Law.

Julia Perry took the Oath of Office as administered by City Clerk/Treasurer Dennis Kirkpatrick.

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 32-569, Julia Perry assumed the office of Member of City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term ending in December 2028.

Councilmember Julia Perry was present for the rest of this meeting. A quorum was present.

Agenda Item 5 – Appointments to Committee and Commissions

C. DISCUSSION: Mayoral Appointments to Committees | *Agenda Item from Mayor Westfall.*

Mayor Westfall announced her appointments to the various mayoral committees. There was discussion about other vacancies and how to get appointed. There was no further discussion and no action was taken.

Agenda Item 6 – Other Business

D. RESOLUTION NO. 2026-08: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, DESIGNATING SIGNERS ON CITY BANK ACCOUNTS; TO PROVIDE FOR OTHER RELATED MATTERS; REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING RESOLUTIONS OR SECTIONS THEREOF; AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. | *Agenda Item from the City Clerk/Treasurer.*

There was no discussion.

Councilmember B. Brown moved to approve Resolution No 2026-08. J. Whisler seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

J. Perry – AYE, R. Brown – AYE, B. Brown – AYE, J. Whisler – AYE.

On this vote, the AYES are 4, the NAYS are 0. Motion Carried.

E. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Authorization for the City Clerk/Treasurer to transfer \$57,773.81 from the Water/Sewer account to the General account due to the incorrect deposit of Municipal Equalization Funds. | *Agenda Item from City Clerk/Treasurer.*

There was discussion about why the state put the funds into the incorrect account in the first place. And previous instances of this happening. There was no further discussion.

Councilmember B. Brown moved to approve the authorization for the City Clerk/Treasurer to transfer \$57,773.81 from the Water/Sewer account into the General account due to the incorrect deposit of Municipal Equalization Funds. J. Whisler seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

B. Brown – AYE, J. Perry – AYE, R. Brown – AYE, J. Whisler – AYE.

On this vote, the AYES are 4, the NAYS are 0. Motion Carried.

F. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Reimbursement of Theresa Westfall for Flagpole Mounting Brackets and Clamps for 4th of July Flags Downtown. | *Agenda Item from Mayor Westfall.*

There was discussion about the reason for purchasing the flagpoles and clamps. There was also discussion about the appearance of the flags and downtown as a whole. There was no further discussion.

Councilmember R. Brown moved to approve the reimbursement of Theresa Westfall for Flagpole Mounting Brackets and Clamps. J. Whisler seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

J. Whisler – AYE, B. Brown – AYE, J. Perry – AYE, R. Brown – AYE.

On this vote, the AYES are 4, the NAYS are 0. Motion Carried.

G. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL: Authorization to Pay Invoice from Arban Excavation for Work Done at 720 2nd Street. | *Agenda Item from Mayor Westfall.*

There was discussion regarding the reasoning for authorizing his payment outside of regular claims. There was no further discussion.

Councilmember J. Whisler moved to approve the authorization to pay the invoice from Arban Excavation for the work done at 720 2nd Street. R. Brown seconded the motion.

On this roll call vote, the vote was as follows:

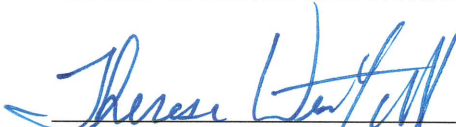
J. Perry – AYE, J. Whisler – AYE, B. Brown – AYE, R. Brown – AYE.

On this roll call vote, the AYES are 4, the NAYS are 0. Motion Carried.

Agenda Item 7 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on the same day at 6:11pm CT.

HEREBY ATTESTED AND ACKNOWLEDGED:



THERESA WESTFALL, MAYOR





DENNIS KIRKPATRICK, CITY CLERK