**City Council Minutes**

December 11, 2024

**Call to Order:** Mayor Carson called meeting to order at 6 p.m. on December 11

, 2024

**Employee Attendance:** Justin Beard-water operator, Leroy Kuykendall-maintenance, Cindy Nichols clerk/treasurer. (Absent Anthony Gravenmier)

**Public Attendees:** Penny Deyo, Regena Simper, Geroge Simper, Brandon Johnson, John Simper, Megan Simper, Dale Nichols, and Joe Gish.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Milt Nodacker

**Roll Call and Conflict of interest:** Council President Milt Nodacker, Council Person’s John Leneve and Tammy Hassell, Mayor Cheryl Carson. No Conflicts of interest. Absent Councilman Rob Milchack.

**Guest Speakers:** Penny Deyo and Brandon Johnson

**Penny Deyo:** Presented the issue brought to the prior mayor Nancy Greene and Council Person’s Greene, Casto, and Plank on September 20, 2023, regarding the right of way to the water plant. Penny wants to exchange the right of way to the water plant for the vacation of Thompson Street. Also, in this request is to name the existing water plant road Rassmussen St. and wants all water that is now running from the water plant overflow pond diverted away from her property and Thompson Street down toward North Street. Penny advised that over a year ago she had the property surveyed and where there had been just 2 lots there are now 4 lots with the right-of-way going through her property. Her reasoning for this request is due to the overflow from the pond at the water plant that runs through her property. She stated that she had suggested to the prior administration to divert the water between her property and North Street and that it was a done deal. She wants all these things rectified as she has spent thousands of dollars over the years. She wants a date to complete the water diversion, something in writing stating that the city has agreed to let her vacate the street, and that she be allowed to vacate the road to the water plant and it be named Rassmussen Street by and no later than July 1, 2025. Councilman Leneve asked if she knew what it involved and how much it would cost to divert the water. No definitive answer was given. Councilwomen Hassel asked if the council could have until next month’s meeting to give an answer and Penny said that it was non-negotiable,” You’re doing the work and that’s the end of the story! Because I hold all the cards!”. Councilman Leneve made a motion to accept Penny Deyo’s terms and Councilman Nodacker advised the meeting was not into business yet. Councilman Leneve withdrew motion.

**Brandon Johnson:** Introduced himself and that he is with Inland North Waste. He presented an update on the side loader. They are working diligently to get the new truck up and running. He is working with his employees and is sending an extra employee to assist with the lifting and emptying of the totes. The question was asked about how the elderly or house bound will get their trash out for pickup this winter. Brandon advised that their drivers do door pickup for those with a disadvantage or disability that are unable to get their trash out onto the road.

**Citizen Comment Period:**

**Joe Gish:** Wantsto remind everyone of the bill he is presenting to the legislation regarding the reduction of residential property taxes. He will email the city hall examples of letters to legislature and request that the citizens of Peck write a letter to the legislature to help pass this bill.

**Proposed Amendments to the Agenda:**

John moved as an action item to Old Business #1 to approve/deny the Penny Deyo easement to the agenda. Milt 2nd. All approved motion passed.

**Approval of Nov. Minutes:** Milt moved to approved November’s minutes. Tammy 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

**Bills to pay:** John moved to approve Bills to be Paid. Milt 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote of those who were present.

**Old Business:**

*Penny Deyo vacation of water plant road, divert overflow pond from her property and Thompson Street to North Street, and name water plant road to Rassmussen Street*: John moved to accept the proposal by Penny Deyo with a completion date of July1, 2025. Milt 2nd. Approved by unanimous vote by all who were present.

*Vonage new cost*:The 1st quote from Vonage expired. The new quate is higher but till under what Ziply is charging. John moved to accept Vonage’s new quote. Milt 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote by all who were present.

*Simper-extending Kirby Street off Pine*: The city will work on pairing a city road code and Councilman Leneve proposed to the Simpers that they could bring their recommendations for the city road code to the January 8th, 2025, council meeting.

Milt moved to table the topic until January 8th council meeting. Tammy 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote by all who were present.

**New Business:**

*Possibility for new mini-split for the Library*: With the need for maintenance on the propane heater at the library, Mayor Carson suggested checking into a mini-split for the Library.

Milt moved to get bids for a mini-split system and a more efficient source of heat for the library. Tammy 2nd. All approved motion passed.

*New regulators for the propane lines at the community center:* Leroy will investigate and work with the propane company on the regulator issue.

Tammy moved to table topic until January’s meeting. John 2nd. All approved motion passed.

*A new Microsoft 365 account*:Since Anthony is sick and unable to explain this topic Mayor Carson proposed this topic be tabled until next month so Anthony can present the topic.

Milt moved to table the Microsoft 365 topic until January. Tammy 2nd. All approved motion passed.

**Employee Briefings**:

**City Clerk**: Cindy advised everyone that she spoke with Airbridge about getting internet at the Community Building. It will also be free, as it is at City Hall. John made a motion to move forward with the internet at the Community Building. Tammy 2nd the motion. All approved motion passed.

Information only was presented by Cindy regarding the State Tax Commission advising that the FY2022 and FY2023 taxes were not filed. Cindy and Tammy reported that the Federal Taxes for FY2019, FY2020, FY2021, FY2022, and FY2023 have been completed and will be sent out this week.

The items requested to be purchased were a storage rack ($169.99) for archiving prior FY file boxes and 33-gallon trash bags ($23.99) from Costco. 2-25’ tape measures ($2.49ea) from Harbor Freight. 20-gallons Hydraulic oil ($270.00),10-gallons 10W40 motor oil ($154.80), 14 gage,100-foot extension cord ($47.99) from Amazon and an 8-pack of toggle switches for $9.99. For a grand total of $507.75. Milt moved to authorize the purchase of said items. John 2nd. All approved motion passed.

**Maintenance:** Leroy presented to council the process of fixing the city streetlights and presented the cost of each pole that needs repaired. There are streetlight globes that need replaced at ($89.99 ea.) and bulb mounts at ($8.50 ea.) He let the council know that we already have LED bulbs for replacing the burnt-out ones. So, with the globe covers and the bulb mount each light repair will cost ($105.90 ea. for a total of $317.70). Milt moved to authorize the purchase of said items. Tammy 2nd. All approved motion passed.

Leroy discussed the brakes on the truck and advised the council that the brakes on the Ford look good they just have a really hard brake pad. He thinks the grabbing may be coming from the anti-lock system.

**Water**: Justin confirmed that the DEQ classification on the plant must remain a phase1 plant. Because of all the moving parts to our plant going backdown to a very small plant is not possible. He also spoke about the chlorine basin. Justin will continue to work on and looking into getting prices on the basin so we can get the chlorine in a containment status. He is continuing to work on getting the chlorine pump to be more accurate with the chlorine distribution so that the diluting process will no longer be needed. Justin explained how LMI is no longer feasible and hard to find parts for and is the reason why we went to peristaltic.

Justin offered the opportunity to train more of us, if we wanted to be trained in how to run the plant in the event of an emergency. Cindy, Milt, Leroy, and Cheryl would like to be trained as backup emergency operators, in the event of an emergency that may or could arise. Everyone will get together and go up to the plant for an in-depth tour.

**Mayor’s Comments and Questions:** None

**Council Comments and Questions:** John asked if the State Taxes for 2022 and 2023 had not gotten paid or if it was just the paperwork that had not gotten done. Cindy and Tammy stated that we did not know the answer to that question yet, as we had not gotten that information yet.

**Adjournment:** 8:16pm

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