

City Council Minutes

July 9th, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Carson called meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on July 9th, 2025.

Employee Attendance: Leroy Kuykendall-Maintenance, Vacant Clerk/Treasurer, Anthony Gravenmier-Maintenance/Water, and Justin Beard-Water Operator.

Public Attendees: Melanie Barrett, Lee Barnett, Todd Carson, Rhenn Casto, Nancy Green, Jean Nodacker

Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Milt Nodacker

Proposed Amendments to the Agenda: None

Roll Call and Conflict of interest: Council President Milt Nodacker, Council Person's Rob Milchak, Gina Gravenmier, Tammy Hassell, and Mayor Cheryl Carson. No Conflicts of interest. All Council Persons are present.

Approval of June regular meeting minutes and June work session minutes: Will be approved in August along with July's minutes.

Financial Report: Financial report presented by Council Person Hassell and she also advised that we are still working on moving over to QuickBooks online. President Nodacker moved to approve the financials for July. Council Person Gravenmier 2nd the motion. All were in favor no Nay's. Motion Passed.

Bills to pay: Mayor Carson advised that there are no bills outside of the normal bills that were accrued this month for approval.

Guest Speakers: None

Citizen Comment Period:

Norma Turner presented the council with her issues about receiving a letter from the city regarding her new rate increase and meter fees for multi-dwellings on one meter. She made statements as to why she felt she should not be charged for two other dwellings on her water service as it was her homeless daughter and grandchildren and that the Motor home on her property isn't capable of being hooked up to water and must have the water packed into it from the main house on the property. After the Mayor explained several times that she nor the Council could make a decision on her issues at this meeting and she was more than welcome to write a letter to the city with her request and that the letter would be addressed by the Mayor as to payment before the due date on the bill which is the 30th of the month.

Jean Nodacker spoke regarding her gratitude to the city council, city employees, and mayor regarding the work they are doing around the city to improve its esthetics, the grants that they have applied for, and all the dedicated work toward the financial research on the upgrading of the city's water infrastructure.

Justin Beard, Anthony Gravenmier, Gina Gravenmier, and Rob Milchak presented information and concerns regarding the city's water production and its infrastructure. They answered numerous questions regarding the reasoning behind the water rate increase, the process that is being taken to work toward a feasible financial avenue to accomplish the replacement and upgrading of the city water infrastructure, and invited everyone to reach out to city hall for an appointment to tour the water plant to get a better understanding of what it takes to make your potable water.

Old Business:

Deliberate the suspension of rules for the reading of Ordinance No. 186 and continue in the completion of the ordinance. (ACTION) President Nodacker made a motion to read Ordinance No. 186 by Title only.

Mayor Carson called for a roll call vote. President Nodacker Aye, Council Person Milchak Aye, Council Person Gravenmier Aye, and Council Person Hassell Aye. Motion has passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Carson read Ordinance No. 186 by title only.

Deliberate the suspension of rules for the reading of Ordinance NO.160 and continue in the completion of the ordinance. (ACTION) President Nodacker made a motion to read Ordinance No. 186 by Title only.

Mayor Carson called for a roll call vote. President Nodacker Aye, Council Person Milchak Aye, Council Person Gravenmier Aye, and Council Person Hassell Aye. Motion has passed with a unanimous vote.

Mayor Carson read Ordinance No. 160 by title only.

New Business

Review Engineer Solicitation Notice and decide on whether to publish currently. (INFORMATION AND ACTION)

Council Person Gravenmier explained the process for procuring an engineer again, so the council decided on moving forward with the publication for request for engineers. The council agreed that we need to move forward with the next step in getting the engineers procured. Council Person Gravenmier made the motion to move forward with the publication of request for Engineers. President Nodacker 2nd the motion. All Ayes. Motion approved.

RP Ranking process: Council Person Gravenmier advised that the council needs to set a date for the Selection Committee (Council and Mayor) to go over all the engineer applications. August 11th was a date everyone to be present and attend. Council Person Gravenmier made the motion to move forward with the publication of request for Engineers. President Nodacker 2nd the motion. All Ayes. Motion approved.

Review possible options for speed control on the main street of Peck. (INFORMATION) Council Person Hassell had suggested possibly putting speed bumps for main street to possibly help slow down vehicle traffic on main street. Mayor Carson shared some research on the cost of several different types of speed bump, mainly the rubber removable ones. The cost ranged from \$55 to over \$250 for each device.

Review new door hanger shut-off notices. (INFORMATION) Mayor Carson shared a possible new way to notify households that their water services will be shut off. The notice is a door hanger that gives the individual a date and time that the hanger was placed and a date and time that the water will be shut off at the meter. The residents will have 3 days to pay their bill before the posted shut-off time on the door hanger. The hanger will be hung on the door of the residents on Monday morning at or about 9a.m. and the shut-off will take place on Wednesday at or by 4p.m.

Buying \$100 worth of soil to finish fixing up the flower beds under the tree along Main Street before the Peck City Festival in August. (INFORMATION) Council Person Hassell, Mayor Carson, and other volunteers will be cleaning and sprucing up the flower beds along the main street. It was discussed to buy soil and cedar mulch to refill the beds for this summer and then possibly buy perennial flowers next summer to plant in the beds.

Decide on a date for the July Work Session. (ACTION) Mayor Carson asked the council if everyone was on board for another work session in July. The date of July 21^h was suggested. Council Person Gravenmier made the motion have the next work session on July 21st. President Nodacker 2nd the motion. All Ayes. Motion approved.

Announce the resignation of Cindy Nichols as City Clerk/Treasurer. (INFORMATION) Mayor Carson announced that Cindy Nichols no longer works for the City of Peck as of June 17th, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Call to order at 7:45p.m.

Select a new City Clerk/Treasurer

The Mayor and Council discussed all applicants. The final decision came down to two very qualified candidates. The mayor will contact those two candidates tomorrow and make her decision.

Adjourned: 8:02 pm

Regular Council meeting reconvenes: 8:05

Employee Briefings:

City Clerk:

Mayor Carson advised the council that City Hall needs a new scanner and a new printer for the office. Several brands and prices were discussed.

Letters from CEDA was received via USPS for Mayor Carson and President Nodacker. They both currently plan to attend.

City Maintenance:

Leroy advised that he has spoken to the owners of Green Things about what could be done to the park to help green it up and make the grass healthier. He was told to use 49-0-0 fertilizer. He has requested he be able to use his monthly allotment for the purchase of a couple bags of the 49-0-0 fertilizer.

He has found some blades for the road maintainer that he built to work on the city roads. They are \$300 for a pair and there is a \$100 shipping fee. The Council advised that if the cost is within his \$500 allotment he is approved to get them. He will be finishing the ditching on Elwood. He advised the council of the old phone lines that he dug up and that he called Ziply regarding the incident.

He reported that he continues to go through the ordinances in search of finding an ordinance pertaining to the city easements and parking along the road whereas to incumber or impede the movement of traffic or the passage of emergency vehicles. He spoke to a Nez Perce County Deputy regarding what they are capable, able, or willing to assist with in this matter. The deputy advised if we have an ordinance regarding the topic in question, they will enforce it. He will continue to work on the ditching and with the adjacent landowners on Pine Street where the spring and fall flooding takes place to get this situation cleaned up and taken care of before winter. Anthony will speak with the one landowner and Leroy will speak with the other landowner to come to try and to make a joint resolution that benefits everyone involved.

Water:

Anthony reports that the water plant is still working / running efficiently. The plant is going to have to order supplies sooner than later but have enough for now. Not an emergency to make an order today. It can wait until next week. He had been doing some outside cleaning up around the plant and the raw water holding tank. There is more fire abatement that needs to be done, loads of blackberries that need to be cleared out.

Justin

Mayor’s Comments and Questions

Council Comments and Questions: None

Adjournment: Approximately 9:00 pm

Mayor	Date
Clerk/Treasurer	Date
Council President	Date
Council Person	Date
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