

City Council Minutes

Citizen Comment Period: None

February 13, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Carson called meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on February 13, 2025

Employee Attendance: Leroy Kuykendall-maintenance, Cindy Nichols clerk/treasurer, Anthony Gravenmier-maintenance/water.

Public Attendees: Penny Holland and Jessica Holz

Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Milt Nodacker

Roll Call and Conflict of interest: Council President Milt Nodacker, Council Person's Tammy Hassell (via Zoom), Rob Milchak, and Mayor Cheryl Carson. No Conflicts of interest.

Guest Speakers: None

Citizen Comment Period: Cindy Nichols and Penny Holland talked about the City of Peck event that several people had mentioned earlier in the year 2024 for this summer 2025. They are still interested in working on having the event and wanted to let us know that they would be discussing it at the next LBCC meeting on the 20th of Feb.

Proposed Amendments to the Agenda: None

Approval of Jan. 8th Minutes: Milt moved to approve January's minutes. Rob 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of January 28th work session minutes: January 28th: Tammy moved to approve. Milt 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Financial Report: Rob moved to accept and Milt 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote.

Bills to pay: Milt moved to approve Bills to be Paid. Rob 2nd the motion. Approved by unanimous vote. Clarification was made that OXARC is to be paid when the bill comes in.

Old Business:

Rescind the motion made to accept Penny Deyo's December demands for water plant overflow run off diversion and the vacation of Thompson Road to the Deyo's: President Milt Nodacker made a motion to rescind the December motion and passed to approve demands made by Penny Deyo to vacate Thompson Street to her family, reroute water from run off pond at water plant, and name the water plant road Rassmussen Street. Rob 2nd the motion. Mayor Carson called for a roll call vote. Milt-aye, Rob- aye, Tammy- aye. Motion to rescind passed unanimously.

Supplies for AmeriCorps group that will be arriving on February 28th. Mayor Carson requests \$1,000 for painting supplies. It was mentioned that since John Leneve resigned the paint discount he was going to try and get for us was no longer an option. Rob Milchak and Penny Holland both said that they have some scaffolding that may possibly be used. Mayor Carson has found some 5-gallon buckets of paint at the Habitat for Humanities in Lewiston for \$80 each and \$18 per gallon. She provided 3 colors to the council 1 blue and 2 different shades of gray and the council thought the blue would be the best choice to coincide with the Peck Elementary School colors.

Milt moved for the \$1,000 budget for supplies.

Rob 2nd the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Cost of Government 365 account. Rob was able to get some information from regarding the government account, such as you must be a U.S. Citizen to clearance to use the account. There are 3 different packages available. They also have TEAMS so that video conferences can be conducted, and they will provide a City of Peck .gov email account. There is a one-month free trial that requires a POC (point of contact) to talk to for pricing information.

Rob moved to table the topic until the March Council meeting so that he would have more time for gathering information.

Milt 2nd the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Payment to TD&H for 5 hours of work for Rich Utzman: The council felt that while the reduction of a \$400.00 to the invoice by Rich Utzman was appreciated, they still feels they have not been given an accurate explanation as to why the charges are what they are and why the steps Mr, Utzman took were not explained or discussed with either Cindy and/or Mayor Carson or put in writing via email to clarify that what he was doing was actually asked of him. Rob Milchak wanted the following request to be made to Mr. Utzman

1. We would like to know “in writing” what the protocol/process is for requesting maintenance and repairs on the current Lulu bridge. As it will most certainly need more maintenance if the new bridge is not going to be put in for another 2 years.
2. If City of Peck asks or requests help in finding answers or solutions to a situation dealing with the Lulu bridge will the city be charged?
3. If/When we have to repair the bridge again do we need a sign another contract with TD&H & LHTAC?

Rob suggested that a letter be sent to Mr. Rich Utzman asking these questions. He also stated that he completely agrees with paying Rich for contacting TD&H & LHTAC regarding whether we would be in violation of our contract, but anything other than that was outside the scope of what he was asked to do. Cindy asked if she should send it to LHTAC as well and it was stated that it needs to be sent to everyone.

Rob made a motion to send a letter/email to Rich Utzman and to table and revisit topic at March Council Meeting.

Milt 2nd the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

All voted Aye. Motion passed.

Liens in Overdue/past due bills: Our city attorney has been questioned in regards to this issue, but has not responded to the us as of yet. At the last council meeting it was approved to remove accounts from AR. Mayor Carson will call the city attorney tomorrow and ask for clarification where do we move the accounts to. Uncollectable? Rob made mention of the Idaho Code 45-507-Mechanic liens; it can be found at idlegislature.gov.

Cindy will e-mail some of the City Clerks around the area and ask how they deal with this type of issue.

Tammy made a motion to table till March Council Meeting.

Rob 2nd the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

New Business:

Presentation of Mayor's nominee for the vacant Council seat for Council's approval: Mayor Carson introduced Regina (Gina) Gravenmior as her recommendation for the position of Council Person. Gina brings a background in social work and has a great desire to work on getting grants to help with the City's water issues, road improvement, culverts and ditches, historical society for improvements on the community building, city hall, and the post office.

Rob asked Gina if she had any prior experience with this kind of stuff and she stated that she did not. She continued by explaining her background in social work and her excitement in the potential to help the city improve and grow.

Mayor Carson requested the council vote on Regina Gravenmior as the new council member to fill John Leneve's seat as Council Person for the City of Peck.

Milt -Aye

Rob-Aye

Tammy-Aye

The vote was unanimous vote.

City Clerk/treasurer Cindy Nicoles sworn in Regina Gravenmior with the Oath of Office.

Expedition of ordering parts for repairs at the water plant: The Mac Valves at the water plant is in dire need of replacement. The ones that are currently in use are causing the air compressor to work overtime, which is wearing out the compressor. Our valves are already 3 to 4 generations behind. These Mac valves cannot be rebuilt they must be bought new. There is a company that has 10 valves available currently for an amazingly good price, so it was recommended that we purchase the 10 and put the other 10 on order so when they get them in, they can send them directly to us.

Rob made a motion to purchase 20 Mac Valves.

Milt 2nd the motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Future water rate increases and why: Since the City of Peck has no revenue coming in other than that of the water plant and the small amount in taxes and other government dollars, Tammy did a burden of cost for the water plant, and we are spending more than what we are making from the water plant. The Council in 2023 had approved a 4.5% increase in the water rates for Peck. With the way the filing and records keeping was done in the past it appears that it was never done. It has been made clear to us that our water plant is 15 years past its designed lifespan. The prior administrations have done nothing to ensure that there would be money in a plant replacement saving account. Kerry Huss was recently in town and would like to speak with the council on some ideas and ways to keep the water plant, fire hydrants, and other infrastructure in good working order.

Rob would like for Justin and Anthony to go through the plant find out what we have on the shelves as far as parts for repairs, if we don't have parts for repairs a list is to be made and he would like to see parts being bought when they can be and spare if possible and have them on the shelf ready to go when needed.

Schedule work session for March 19th, Kerry Huss would like to attend a meeting with the council to talk about the water plant, fire hydrants, and other water related topics. The council discussed the times of day that would be best and all agreed the March 18th at 0900 would work for everyone.

Milt made a motion to approve March 19th at 0900 for the work session.

Rob 2nd motion. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Review the new fire suppression company Mid-State Fire Protection flyer before yearly checks in May. All council members receive the flyer. It was suggested that we revisit this in March.

Executive session:

Milt made the motion to move into an executive session.

Rob 2nd motion. Roll Call Vote: Milt Nodacker -Aye, Tammy Hassel-Aye, Gina Gravenmior-Aye, Rob Michak-Aye

Entered Executive session 7:34

Concluded Executive session 7:44

Back in regular session 7:46

Employee Briefings:

City Clerk: Cindy advised the council that Patriot will be raising their rate per employee to \$5.00 a month from \$4.00 and the base pay will stay at \$37.00 a month. Will be making direct deposit available to everyone that would like it.

Cindy requested that she be reimbursed for the truck chain wrench (\$34.99) that she purchased on request of the mayor so the City Maintenance could get the winter chains on the plow truck.

Rob moved to authorize the purchase of the said items.

Milt 2nd the motion. All approved motion passed.

Maintenance: Leroy is asking for a set of standard and metric Allen wrenches (7.99) along with 2 cans of contractor paint (blue)@\$10 each, 2 breaker (1- 20amp and 1-30amp) @17.00 each and a 100' tape measure. He also wants to build some meter wrenches.

Leroy discussed needing the breaker for the electrical issues in the shop and in the bays behind the shop. He is actively looking into a new subpanel and breakers for repairing these issues. He is also looking into fencing off the area behind city hall where the trackers, MAG, and other equipment are being stored for more security. Milt stated that he may have a lead on some 6 and/or 8 feet chain link fencing, and he would check into it if we were serious about it. The city has 2 gates that they can use and do not have to purchase those.

Rob moved to authorize the purchase of the said items other than the chain link.

Milt 2nd the motion. All approved motion passed.

Water: Anthony began asking for a 50' water hose (\$19.98) for the water plant, some paper towels (can get out of the storage area at the shop), and a test kit for testing the water samples. He is also asking for 2 rebuild kits for the actuators for the Skids. 1 so that they can replace the one on the skid now and have a backup on the shelf. 2 contamination spill containments for the chlorine from U-line and finally the Mac Valves. They have lined up 10 Mac Valves and want to order another 10 for the shelf. With all the parts that are being requested they are looking to get approval for \$2000.00.

Rob moved to authorize the purchase of the remainder items on the list.

Gina 2nd the motion. All approved motion passed.

Mayor's Comments and Questions: We have reached our 1-year mark, and I would like to make mention of the things that have been achieved this past year.

1. We have been provided with a full council and a city staffed with excellent and dedicated workers.
2. We have an awesome Little Big Canyon Women Club that has facilitated many projects
 - a. Peck clean-up day
 - b. Bingo Night
 - c. Community Kickball game and Potluck
 - d. Decorate Peck for Christmas day,
3. Have worked closely with TD&H and LTAC on getting the contract signed and for the new Lulu Bridge project.
4. Completed repairs on the Lulu Bridge.
5. Making essential repairs on the water plant.
6. Mag Chloride was applied to the city roads during the summer.
7. Worked on roads and ditches to include Old Melrose, New Melrose, and Angle Ridge.
8. Done some long overdue maintenance on the city equipment such as the truck, backhoe, John Deer tractor.
9. Got efficient heat and air conditioning in the Post Officer and City Hall.
10. Reconciled all city accounts and can now apply for grants.
11. Resolved 5 years of back Federal Tax issues.
12. Resolved 3 years of back State Tax issues.
13. Fixing all the city streetlights.
14. Removing on the pad locks on the water meters.
15. And we have filled 2 vacant City Council seats this year with well rounded, enthusiastic, and dedicated nominees.

Thank you to everyone for your dedication, support and teamwork.

Council Comments and Questions:

Adjournment: 8:15pm

Mayor

Date

Clerk/Treasurer

Date