

Work Session Minutes

Citizen Comment Period: None

March 19, 2025

Call to Order: Mayor Carson called meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. on January 2, 2025.

Employee Attendance: Justin Beard-Water Operator, Anthony Gravenmier-Back-up Operator, Leroy Kuykendall-maintenance, Cindy Nichols clerk/treasurer.

Public Attendees: None

Pledge of Allegiance: lead by Milt Nodacker

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

Review financial reports to clarify what the council wants to see. Different formats of a financial report were presented. Each format was taken into consideration, questions for clarification were asked, and revised formats will be presented to the council at a future council meeting to choose which format works best.

Review options for unpaid water bills. Examples from other cities in the state were provided for review, comparison, and brainstorming on what would possibly work for the City of Peck. Many ideas were tossed around such as creating a collections account, proceeding to court, property liens, and collections. Further intel will be gathered and presented to the council at a future council/work session meeting.

Discuss the increasing rates for the city water. It was determined that the prior administration had raised rates, but the rate increase has not been enough over the years for a water plant replacement. The cost of a new plant (not to include infrastructure - water lines, pressure valve, fire hydrants, etc.) will be upwards of 20 million dollars and in the past the city has neglected to prepare for such an event. The way to inform and educate the citizens was discussed. There were many ideas discussed, such as sending out letters to show the cost of burden, having an open house at the plant so people can get a visual of how their drinking water is made and what is required to provide it.

BREAK 10:46: 15-minute break

Continuing rate increase discussion: Topic will be discussed further later.

Discuss revising and updating ordinances and prioritize which ones should be addressed first. Ordinances 172 and 64 were specifically discussed in depth. The idea of combining the two into ordinance 186 was brought to the table and the council is working on a rough draft to be presented at April's Council meeting for review of rough draft and how to proceed. Other ordinances were discussed for clarification as to their importance. Resolutions were also discussed as many of the ordinances have resolutions to them. There are many ordinances that can be combined with others and updated to make a clear and defined document. Councilperson Milchak suggested that we move on to the Microsoft 365 Government and circle back to reviewing and updating ordinances after lunch so that more time can be given to discussing what the team would like to see in ordinance 186. Everyone agreed.

Review the information from Microsoft 365 Government account. Microsoft 365 Government was explained in more detail as to what it has to offer. Rob will contact the person he is working with and try to get a dollar amount for the services. Will be revisited at the April 9th Council meeting.

Discuss upcoming grant availability. Mayor Carson presented a copy of an email calling applicants for the SHRAP regrant Program, with an application deadline of April 11, 2025, from the ISHS (Idaho State Historical Society). Now that the cities accounts have been reconciled the possibility of getting grants is much greater. Council Persons Gravenmier and Hassell, as well as Mayor Carson will be looking and applying for no match grants that the city is eligible for.

BREAK 12:48: 20-minute break

Continuing discussion of revising and updating ordinances: A brainstorming session took place and a rough draft was created for review over the next several weeks for all council members to bring back to the April 9th meeting for further discussion and possible approval.

REMINDER OF NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING:
Wednesday, April 9, 2025, beginning at 6:00 pm, Peck Community Building.

ADJOURNMENT: 2:20pm

Any person needing special accommodation to participate in the above-mentioned meeting should contact the City of Peck at least five days prior to the meeting. City Hall is located at 120 W Howard Street, Peck, Idaho. Phone number: 208-486-7791.

Individuals who wish to address the City Council on a specific topic should contact the City Clerk-Treasurer to be put on the agenda as least five (5) working days prior to the next regularly scheduled City Council meeting.

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