

July Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the East Peru City Council was held on July 17, 2023 in the Community Building. Council members Darlene Miller, David Vasey, and Roman Avila were present. Jason Harper and Rick Kimmel were absent. Mayor Chris Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

June Meeting Minutes for the month were read and approved by Roman Avila and 2nd by David Vasey. All in Favor.

Motion to pay the bills for the month of June was made by David Vasey and 2nd by Roman Avila. All in Favor.

Alliant Energy - Street Lights			\$460.40
Total Bills paid from Road Use			\$460.40
Warren Water District			\$64.74
IPERS			\$39.33
T.R.M. Disposal LLC			\$988.00
Darlene Miller - Council Pay			\$23.09
Todd Porter - Fire Chief			\$23.08
Chris Jordan - Mayor			\$92.35
Emily Kimzey- Clerk			\$215.15
David Vasey - Council Pay			\$23.09
Liberty Mutual - WC Insurance Policy			\$1,511.00
Roman Avila - Council Pay			\$23.09
Alliant Energy - Community Building			\$159.77
Rachel Avila, Website & Domain Creation			\$612.00
Isaac Dixon - Mow			\$640.00
Rick Kimmel - Council Pay			\$23.09
Pro Team Insurance - Bond			\$100.00
Union State Bank - Security Box			\$44.95
Farmers & Merchants Bank - Checks			\$35.52
Total Bills paid from General Fund			\$4,618.25
Grand Total Receipts			\$5,078.65

Receipts for the month of June were as follows:

State Warrant (R.U.T.)			\$562.35
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on R.U.T.)			\$5.16
Total in Road Use Tax Receipts			\$567.51
Intuit Quickbooks Refund			\$4.11
State Warrant (1% Local option sales tax)			\$1,299.18
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on checking)			\$12.85
Warren Water (City Garbage Payments)			\$1,129.86
Madison County Treasurer			\$1,373.38

Shari Porter/Josh Rogers - FD Donation			\$70.00
Bart Porter - FD Donation			\$100.00
Total in General Fund Receipts			\$3,989.38
Grand Total Receipts			\$4,556.89

The Financial Report was given and approved by Darlene Miller and 2nd by Roman Avila. All in favor. Balances as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

General Fund			\$164,642.91
Road Use Taxes			\$12,710.71
CD			\$10,000.00
Total			\$187,353.62

Old Business:

Eagle Scout Project has been completed, new picnic tables, power washing, new bulletin board area, and landscaping clean up.. As of 7/17 meeting night the seed planting was not yet complete nor were the basketball hoops removed, but after the meeting as of 7/18, those have been completed. All the materials ended up being donated or recycled. We thank Maxwell for choosing to do his project with the city and for the city of East Peru, very much appreciated, and we're happy with the work completed.

Review of our Flood Plain Management Ordinance, the mayor and NCRS office have not been able to get together to review the ordinance verbiage. Will continue to attempt to schedule and meet with them.

The mayor did talk with the county engineer Mike Hackett on the progress of the East Peru bridge replacement project. Due to the contractor being impacted by labor issues, smaller crew, the completion date will be moved back from August 2023 to October 2023. The mayor and council will continue to monitor the progress with the county engineer and seek out updates and delays. The deck/bridge flooring and approaches should be getting poured the week of July 23rd.

New Business:

The mowing contractor has inquired about possible tree trimming of some trees at the community building. The mayor and council discussed, and as the trees were donated, we want to ensure the tree is being trimmed properly to not affect the health of the tree. They would rather look into tree trimming in the spring or fall seasons. Discussion had around the trimming and round up spray being needed, the clerk will discuss with the mowing contractor.

Elections for city officials will be 11/7/23 this year. The county auditor's office has provided the election documents to the clerk already. The clerk has emailed documents to the council members whom she has emails for, and she also printed out paperwork for those to take after the meeting if wanted.

The contractor who has done our snow removal/plowing for the last few years has contacted the clerk to advise they will not be interested in doing the snow removal for East Peru for the 2023 - 24 winter season. We'll need to ensure we have advertising in papers as early as September, also suggesting word of mouth. An option to explore was also looking into a contractor/company who the city could enter into an annual contract for snow removal and mowing.

Fire Department Update:

May meeting minutes were provided to the clerk from the Fire Chief for the May FD meeting, read at the meeting. Also a screenshot of fire incident list from the Image Trend website where East Peru FD's fire incidents are logged was provided by the fire chief.

The fire chief also provided 2 donation checks to the fire department, one from Shari Porter for \$70 on behalf of Josh Rogers, and a check for \$100 from Bart Porter. This is related to the use of the East Peru fire trucks being utilized to fill swimming pools.

Motion to adjourn was made by Roman Avila and a 2nd by Darlene Miller. All were in favor.

Mayor

City Clerk