

January Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the East Peru City Council was held on January 16, 2024 in the Community Building. Council members Shari Porter, Danielle Rinard, Josh Rogers and Todd Porter (& fire chief) were present. David Vasey was absent. Mayor Rick Kimmel called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

December Meeting Minutes for the month were read and approved by Todd Porter and 2nd by Josh Rogers. All in Favor.

Motion to pay the bills for the month of December was made by Josh Rogers and 2nd by Shari Porter. All in Favor.

Alliant Energy - Street Lights			\$457.12
Taylor Renken - Snow Removal			\$300.00
Total Bills paid from Road Use			\$757.12
Warren Water District			\$64.74
IPERS			\$39.33
T.R.M. Disposal LLC			\$1,976.00
Darlene Miller - Council Pay			\$23.08
Todd Porter - Fire Chief			\$21.17
Chris Jordan - Mayor			\$92.35
Emily Kimzey- Clerk			\$215.15
David Vasey - Council Pay			\$23.08
Heartland Coop			\$231.57
Roman Avila - Council Pay			\$23.08
Alliant Energy - Community Building			\$81.20
Rachel Avila, Website Maint.			\$25.00
Miner Heating & Cooling			\$105.00
Warren Water Donation			\$170.00
Pro Team Insurance - Bond			\$100.00
Iowa FireFighters Association			\$136.00
Madison County Auditor/Treasurer			\$300.34
Total Bills paid from General Fund			\$3,627.09
Grand Total Receipts			\$4,384.21

Receipts for the month of December were as follows:

State Warrant (R.U.T.)			\$438.74
State of Iowa - Beer License Renewal			\$112.50
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on R.U.T.)			\$0.60
Total in Road Use Tax Receipts			\$551.84
State Warrant (1% Local option sales tax)			\$1,278.50
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on checking)			\$13.72
Madison County Treasurer			\$1,567.87

Warren Water - Garbage Collection			\$966.97
Danielle Rinard - Comm Bldg Rent			\$60.00
Sharon Holtry - Comm Bldg Rent & Deposit			\$95.00
Liberty Mutual - Refund			\$328.00
Total in General Fund Receipts			\$4,310.06
Grand Total Receipts			\$4,861.90

The Financial Report was given and approved by Josh Rogers and 2nd by Todd Porter. All in favor. Balances as of December 31, 2024 were as follows:

General Fund			\$193,329.61
Road Use Taxes			\$2,610.20
CD			\$10,000.00
Total			\$205,939.81

Old Business:

Currently no movement on the Flood Plain Management Ordinance updates that are being requested. The clerk will touch base with the previous mayor and the status she ended with in 2023, and bring a copy of the suggested material for the new mayor and council to review.

Discussion held around the American Rescue Plan funds that need to be utilized for a qualifying project by the city by the end of 2024, if not used, they will need to be returned. The clerk presented the project options for the plan, and the mayor and council agreed the city's option would be the opportunities to improve the internet.

New Business:

Mayor Pro Tem was discussed, and Shari Porter volunteered. 1st motion made by Josh Rogers to nominate Shari as the Mayor Pro Tem, and 2nd by Todd Porter. All in Favor. Rick and Shari completed their bond applications.

A park enhancement project was discussed with the new council members and mayor. They think it would be a good idea to pursue the grant application with SICOG. The clerk will work with the contact at SICOG to get the application moving. March 2024 is the date to work towards to get the application done. Letters of support from the community or businesses supporting the park enhancements is good supporting documentation to have when completing the grant applications. If anyone in the community would like to provide a letter of support, please discuss or contact the city clerk. Initial ideas to better the park were discussed as the following: new slide, swings, covered picnic area, fence around park, bathroom that also serves as a storm shelter, jungle gym, basketball hoop with new court pad. 1st motion made by Josh Rogers, and 2nd by Shari Porter for the clerk to work with SICOG on pursuing a grant application for the park enhancements. All in favor.

The city has 3 contractors they will need to provide a 2023 1099 to. Jennifer Porter Accounting can complete these for the city for the price of \$30. 1st motion made by Josh Rogers, and 2nd by Danielle Rinard to have Jennifer Porter complete the 3 1099's for the contractors. All in favor.

The clerk purchased supplies for the community building, and printer ink, requesting reimbursement. 1st motion made by Todd Porter and 2nd motion made by Josh Rogers, to reimburse the clerk for the city supplies. All in favor.

Resolution #218 approving Final Plat of that Quail Ridge Heights Subdivision, Madison County, IA.

Purchaser of the land is separating out plats, 4 lots broke out for family. Currently only plans to build one home.

Requirement when the land is within 2 miles of city limits, this land is believed to be about 2.5 miles from city limits.

1st Shari Porter 2nd Todd Porter All in Favor.

Certificate of Deposit (CD) the city has at Farmers and Merchants bank has matured, and the city needs to determine what kind of CD to rollover the \$10,000 to. CD options the city is exploring is a 24 month CD at 1.75% , another option is a 36 month CD at 3.15%. The council and mayor discussed and a motion was made to move forward with the 36 month CD option. 1st by Josh Rogers, and 2nd by Todd Porter. All in favor.

In February, there will be a regular city council meeting, and then immediately following there will be a city budget review meeting to be held with the mayor and council. February 5th, agenda's will be posted prior to the meetings.

Fire Department Update:

Motion to adjourn was made by Josh Rogers and a 2nd by Todd Porter. All were in favor.

Mayor

City Clerk