

January Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the East Peru City Council was held on January 6, 2025 in the Community Building. Council members Shari Porter, Josh Rogers, Chance Goodridge, Danielle Rinard and Todd Porter (& fire chief) were present. 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 Danielle Rinard. All in Favor.

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

Alliant Energy - Street Lights			\$447.88
Total Bills paid from Road Use			\$447.88
Warren Water District			\$65.42
IPERS			\$43.26
T.R.M. Disposal LLC			\$948.48
Josh Rogers - Council Pay			\$23.09
Todd Porter - Fire Chief & Council Pay			\$46.17
Rick Kimmel - Mayor			\$92.35
Emily Kimzey- Clerk			\$215.15
Shari Porter - Council Pay			\$23.08
Chance Goodridge- Council Pay			\$21.52
Alliant Energy - Community Building			\$146.53
Rachel Avila, Website Maint.			\$25.00
Emily Kimzey, Internet/phone cost			\$57.04
Danielle Rinard - Council Pay			\$23.09
Miner Heating & Cooling - Furnace			\$420.00
The Exchange - Advertising			\$48.00
The Shopper - Advertising			\$54.00
Bill Dillinger - Reimburse FD Supplies			\$23.52
Iowa Firefighters Association - Membership			\$21.00
Iowa Insurance Consultants - Prof Liab			\$555.00
Total Bills paid from General Fund			\$2,851.70
Grand Total Receipts			\$3,299.58

Receipts for the month of December were as follows:

State Warrant (R.U.T.)			\$417.98
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on R.U.T.)			\$0.54
Total in Road Use Tax Receipts			\$418.52
State Warrant (1% Local option sales tax)			\$1,190.14
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on checking)			\$15.11
Madison County Treasurer			\$1,029.46
Warren Water - Garbage Collection			\$773.13

Sharon Holtry - Community Bldg Rental			\$95.00
Total in General Fund Receipts			\$3,102.84
Grand Total Receipts			\$3,521.36

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

General Fund			\$191,878.29
Road Use Taxes			\$2,262.66
CD			\$10,012.49
Total			\$204,153.44

Old Business:

East Peru Park Project Enhancements grant updates. SICOG will resume applying for grants for funds to use for the park project. The clerk did some research on the SLFRF funds that needed to be obligated to a qualifying project by 12/31/24, and we believe when we complete the cities annual report for SLFRF in April 2025, we can obligate the funds to be used for the city park project. SICOG also recommended that the city council do a fundraiser to raise funds for the park as well.

Ordinance amendment of 177 - New #181, Clerk's salary increase for monthly pay from \$250/month to \$350/month. 3rd and final reading of 3. 1st motion made by Danielle Rinard and 2nd motion made by Josh Rogers. All in favor.

Open Clerk position. The mayor and current clerk met with 4 possible candidates to consider for the clerk position. They produced the resumes and information from each candidate to the council members. After discussion, the council determined they would like to meet the top 2 candidates at the next council meeting to help aid in their decision. The clerk will reach out to those 2 candidates to set up time in February for the council to meet them.

NEW BUSINESS:

The city has 2 contractors they paid in 2024, the clerk would like to hire Porter Accounting to complete the 1099's. Cost is \$40 for both. 1st motion made by Josh Rogers and 2nd motion by Chance Goodridge to have Porter accounting complete the 1099's for the city. All in favor.

Shari is working on prices for remodeling community buildings and replacing tables and chairs. About 20 white rectangular 8 foot tables were about \$1149, and 160 white chairs were \$2000. Tables were at Costco. Talked about buying half the amount of chairs to cut some costs all at once. Shari was going to check prices on gray or black tables/chairs to check on the difference. Need measurements of the building rooms to get more estimates for paint, trim, cabinets, countertops, etc. Still in discussion and researching.

A resident contacted the clerk to see if others had concerns about the taste of the water. The clerk has also noticed a change in the taste of the water, but hasn't received any other concerns. This resident contacted Warren Water, and they completed a flush of the main line on 1/6/25, they did notice an odor at that time. Should notice a difference in the taste in 1-2 days.

Fire Department Update:

No fire calls. Clerk added Wyatt Miller to the roster and paid his membership dues.

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

Mayor

City Clerk