

October Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the East Peru City Council was held on October 16, 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 7:09 PM.

September 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 September was made by Darlene Miller and 2nd by David Vasey. All in Favor.

Alliant Energy - Street Lights			\$464.73
Total Bills paid from Road Use			\$464.73
Warren Water District			\$64.74
IPERS			\$39.33
T.R.M. Disposal LLC			
Darlene Miller - Council Pay			\$23.09
Todd Porter - Fire Chief			\$23.09
Chris Jordan - Mayor			\$92.35
Emily Kimzey- Clerk			\$215.14
David Vasey - Council Pay			\$23.09
Heartland Coop			\$259.94
Roman Avila - Council Pay			\$23.09
Walnut Township			\$125.00
Alliant Energy - Community Building			\$70.58
Rachel Avila, Website Maint.			\$25.00
Emily Kimzey - Printer Ink & Paper			\$74.44
Total Bills paid from General Fund			\$1,058.88
Grand Total Receipts			\$1,523.61

Receipts for the month of September were as follows:

State Warrant (R.U.T.)			\$569.11
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on R.U.T.)			\$0.59
Total in Road Use Tax Receipts			\$569.70
State Warrant (1% Local option sales tax)			\$1,256.25
Farmer's & Merchants (interest on checking)			\$12.63
Madison County Treasurer			\$254.67
Warren Water - Garbage Collection			\$1,164.42
Harvey Eivins - Warning Siren Metal Scrap			\$200.00
Frank Carter - Community Bldg Rent			\$60.00
Total in General Fund Receipts			\$2,947.97
Grand Total Receipts			\$3,517.67

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

General Fund			\$180,136.17
Road Use Taxes			\$2,923.34
CD			\$10,000.00
Total			\$193,059.51

Old Business:

Review of our Flood Plain Management Ordinance, the mayor is still working on the draft ordinance for council review.

Bridge/Road Updates: the bridge was officially opened 9/26/23. Signage is not yet complete, and seeding and grading will be fully completed by the spring of 2024.

Snow Removal Bids received 2 options from the same contractor, Taylor Renken. The council had discussion, and would like to accept the option 2 for the bidding with some additional disclaimers. Snow removal can begin when the accumulation is at least 2 inches or above. Salt will only be needed in the event of an ice storm or at the council/mayor's request. Additional followup questions, what equipment will he be using for the snow removal and spreading of the salt. If not local, the clerk/council/mayor will communicate snowfall. If there is a snowstorm on a weekday during the day, will he be able to plow during business hours? The clerk to follow up with the communication. 1st motion made by Roman and 2nd made by David to accept the 2nd option for daily snow removal charges. All in favor.

1: Snowfall inch per day - \$300 for first 1-4 inches, \$150 every 2 inches after that. Salt \$300

2: Daily - \$300 for first 2 hours and \$100/hour after that. Salt \$300

The mayor had further discussion with the emergency management director for Madison County, and concluded to move forward with the original plan to have the old siren picked up for salvage/scrap. The city used a licensed, bonded, insured contact to pick up the siren, and received a salvage check of \$200 for it.

Alliant was contacted about the trees hanging over the power lines on Stewart, and were out on 9/25/23 to trim trees.

New Business:

The clerk will be presenting the Annual Financial Report for 7/1/22 - 6/30/23 at the November meeting as the report is due December 1, 2023.

American Rescue Act funds need to be used for a qualifying project by the end of 2024, or will need to be returned. The mayor brought up exploring options with Omnitel Fiber Optic or checking with the Verizon tower, making it shareable with US Cellular for better internet and phone coverage.

A county supervisor asked the mayor if the city would like to have a link to the East Peru city's website on the Madison County website as other cities have their websites linked. Offers better visibility to our community and surrounding areas. 1st motion made by Roman Avila and 2nd by David Vasey to have our www.eastperuia.org website linked on the Madison County website. All in favor. Mayor to communicate to the county supervisor.

The mayor was contacted about a resident needing a new culvert for their driveway. It is currently not the most ideal season for that work, and would make sense to check with other residents on the state of their culverts as well. Residents can reference Resolution #22 on culverts on the website www.eastperuia.org. We will put a posting on our website to have residents contact the city if the state of their culvert for their driveway is poor or deteriorating. We can look into this work in the spring of 2024. In the meantime, we may be able to utilize some of the rock the city has for the current resident that expressed interest in a new culvert.

We are approaching the winter season, and with that comes snow removal on our city streets. Please remember to park out of the way for snow removal vehicles to safely remove snow from our city streets. Please reference Ordinance #132 on our city website around street parking year round as a reminder as well.

Fire Department Update:

Update on Madison County Sheriff's office investigation of the East Peru fire department. The sheriff has not yet provided a written report on the investigation. Advised the county attorney needs to complete the report and take any actions needed. The clerk received a letter addressed to the mayor and council from Warren Water district advising they are aware of the misuse of water from the East Peru Fire Department, and they could press charges but are not at this time. However, the water loss that occurs from filling of swimming pools is then paid for by the consumers of the Warren water district over time. A copy of the letter will be posted on the East Peru website.

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

Mayor

City Clerk