

## City Council Minutes

August 13, 2025

**Call to Order:** Mayor Carson called meeting to order at 6:00 pm on August 13, 2025.

**Employee Attendance:** Leroy Kuykendall (Maintenance), Megan Weikle (Clerk/Treasurer), Anthony Gravenmier-(Maintenance/Water), and Justin Beard (Water Operator).

**Public Attendees:** Lee Bennett, Marilyn Walker, Deanna Walker, David A. Weikle, Samuel Weikle, Mercy Weikle, Joe Gish, Dale Wheeler, Amanda Wheeler, Jean Nodacker, Bonnie Youngdahl, Todd Carson, Eugene Donnelly (by phone)

**Pledge of Allegiance:** lead by Milt Nodacker

**Proposed Amendments to the Agenda:** None

**Roll Call and Conflict of Interest:** Council President Milt Nodacker, Gina Gravenmier, Tammy Hassell, and Mayor Cheryl Carson. No Conflicts of interest. Council Member Rob Milchak is absent.

**Approval of June and July regular meeting minutes and June and July work session minutes:**

Regular Council Minutes – June: Gina Gravenmier moved to approve, seconded by Milt Nodacker, and passed unanimously

Work Session Minutes – June: Gina Gravenmier moved to approve, seconded by Tammy Hassell, and passed unanimously

Regular Council Minutes – July: Tammy Hassell noted that Norma Turner should be added to the list of attendees and moved to approve the minutes with that amendment, seconded by Milt Nodacker, and passed unanimously

Work Session Minutes – July: Milt Nodacker moved to accept, seconded by Gina Gravenmier, and passed unanimously

**Financial Report:** Financial report presented by Clerk/Treasurer Megan Weikle; noted the Fiscal Year to Date net income.

**Bills to pay:** Megan Weikle advised that there are no bills outside of the normal bills that were accrued this month for approval. Council President Milt Nodacker moved to accept the Bills to Be Paid, which passed unanimously

**Guest Speakers:** None

**Citizen Comment Period:**

**Lee Bennett** expressed thanks to the council for allowing him a tour of the Peck Water Treatment Plant (given by Anthony Gravenmier) and advised that he has found parts and information regarding the pumps used. He reported that he has given all of that relevant information to Justin Beard.

**Deanna Walker** spoke to address “untrue statements” in a certified letter that she received from the City of Peck. The letter was regarding inflammatory messages sent by her to City Maintenance Worker Leroy Kuykendall concerning her objections to city construction vehicles left on her property. Deanna Walker objects to the claim that she threatened or harassed Leroy Kuykendall and vigorously requested that all documentation

to that effect be scrubbed from public city records. She accused the city – particularly Mayor Carson – of defamation. Leroy noted that Deanna’s son came to his house to confront him. Mayor Carson noted that nothing was public until Deanna Walker came to this city council meeting and made it public. The Mayor also said that she would take Deanna’s comments to the city attorney and go from there. Deanna was dissatisfied and addressed the rest of the council when she said that she didn’t think that the Mayor understood her concern. Council Member Tammy Hassell asked if Deanna would like the city attorney’s comments in writing. Deanna was satisfied by this.

**Eugene Donnelly (by phone)** stated that the numbers in the computer are quite plain; the water bill in Spokane only increased by \$20.01 in the last 20 years, bringing the combined bill (water and power) to approximately \$163. He argued that the water bill in Peck amounts to nearly \$300. Mayor Carson explained that the City of Peck has nothing to do with power bills in Peck and asked Gene to bring whatever information he has to the City Hall for discussion when it’s convenient for him. Anthony Gravenmier asked to be at that meeting to help explain why things are the way they are with city water. Gene simply said that all we need to do is look at the numbers in the computer.

**Joe Gish** reported on a budget exercise and that there will be a 0% property tax increase for Nez Perce County. He also mentioned that in matters of solid waste, Nez Perce County will begin bypassing the Lewiston transfer station and going straight to Asotin, Washington. This will save \$47 per ton of solid waste.

**Old Business:**

***Reading of Ordinance No. 186 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final time by title only before publication (ACTION)***

Mayor Carson read Ordinance No. 186 by title only.

***Reading of Ordinance No. 160 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and final time by title only before publication (ACTION)***

Mayor Carson read Ordinance No. 160 by title only.

***Removal of Cindy Nichols from all City of Peck Bank Accounts (ACTION)***

Council President Milt Nodacker moved to remove Cindy Nichols from all City of Peck bank accounts, seconded by Tammy Hassell and passed unanimously

***Update on Engineer Solicitation Notice (INFORMATION)***

Mayor Carson stated that the City of Peck received a small pool of candidates, and will be considering reopening the bidding for the study.

***Reviewing possible options for speed control on Main Street***

Mayor Carson stated that price points for removable speed bumps range from \$50 to \$250 per unit. Council Members Gina Gravenmier, Tammy Hassell, and Milt Nodacker want more information about pricing. Joe Gish offered to find information about county surplus speed bumps.

***Discussion of developing May Street out to Elwood Street***

Mayor Carson explained that citizens have suggested development of May Street to provide emergency vehicle access to residents. Anthony Gravenmier reported that Pete Smith has agreed that development of the

street would be beneficial to Big Canyon Fire District. Leroy Kuykendall reported on obstacles to be overcome and a rough task list including, but not limited to:

- Putting stop signs on May Street, Pine Street, and Marion Street
- The fire hazard that exists past the Wheeler property
- The use of an excavator for at least one week

Mayor Carson inquired about culverts for that area and Leroy answered that a culvert already exists there. Justin Beard asked if Nez Perce County Sheriffs can be available to cite offenders who run the stop signs if they are installed. Mayor Carson stated that she has already received assurances from Nez Perce County that offenders would indeed be nabbed. Amanda Wheeler asked if a survey of property lines would precede any broken ground and Leroy stated that a ditch would need to be dug on the Palmers' side of the road.

### **New Business**

***Swearing in of Megan G. Weikle as City Clerk/Treasurer (ACTION)***

***Adding Megan G. Weikle to all City of Peck Bank Accounts (ACTION)***

Council President Milt Nodacker moved to accept, seconded by Tammy Hassell, and passed unanimously

***Decide on a date for the August Work Session (ACTION)***

Council will meet for the August Work Session on August 26, 2025 at 4:00 pm. Council President Milt Nodacker moves to accept the proposed date, seconded by Tammy Hassell and passed unanimously.

***Dealing with Hostile Citizens on City Hall Premises (ACTION AND INFORMATION)***

Mayor Carson stated emphatically that she has absolutely zero tolerance for her staff feeling harassed, threatened or afraid because of the behavior of unruly citizens. She said also that if such a situation arises, city personnel should call Nez Perce County and have the offenders trespassed. Mayor Carson read Ordinance No. 3 which details penalties for disorderly and unruly conduct. She suggested adding a resolution to Ordinance No. 3 to the agenda for the August Work Session. Joe Gish offered to speak with judges that he knows to get feedback from them. Mayor Carson explained that it should be protocol to call 911 while offenders are behaving wildly on city property.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

*Call to order at 7:02 p.m.*

Executive Session was convened to discuss Water Operator licensing for Justin Beard to change his status from hourly wages to salaried.

*Regular Council meeting reconvened at 7:30.*

### **Employee Briefings:**

#### **City Clerk:**

***Megan Weikle*** reported that Mayor Carson wishes to send Rob Milchak and Anthony Gravenmier to the 2025 IRWA Fall Conference and asked for class selections for registration. She reported scholarship acceptance for the ICCTFOA Conference hosted by AIC in September of 2025. Megan reported that she has applied to be a notary for the State of Idaho and that she has also applied for a .gov domain for the City of Peck. She

discussed her office hours for election filing during the last two weeks of August. Megan reported that at last count, there are 11 vendors signed up for the Peck City Festival and that Nancy Lombard will advertise for the Peck City Festival and Weippe Days on August 16, 2025.

**City Maintenance:**

**Leroy** reported that he repaired a 20-year-old leak in the pipes at Peck Park. A splice fixed the issue and more have been ordered to keep in stock. He also reported that he fertilized the grass at the park and at the library. Mayor Carson asked about power availability for vendors who require electricity at the Peck City Festival and Milt Nodacker asked about lighting control. Leroy continued that the Richardson headstone at the Peck Cemetery has been placed and that he will run the road maintainer after rain on Pine Street and other side streets.

**Water:**

**Anthony** reports no business out of the ordinary. He mentioned that our contact at RCAC is coming to Peck next week to observe our situation for herself.

**Justin** had nothing to add.

**Mayor's Comments and Questions**

None

**Council Comments and Questions:**

Gina Gravenmier reported that the City of Peck was not awarded the T-Mobile Hometown Grant and that it is possible to reapply. Milt Nodacker shared that the City's radio license was renewed at no charge. Tammy Hassell reported that she was hungry.

**Adjournment:** 8:09 pm

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Clerk/Treasurer	Date
Council President	Date
Council Person	Date
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