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JULY 2020 Newsletter



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Mayors Message

City Council Meeting
July 14th, 28th
6:00pm, City Council Chambers

Visit the City of Peosta [website](#) for Agenda and Minutes.

Your city staff and council continue to be quite busy keeping up with the demands of our thriving community *and* planning for our future! I have four particularly notable items to share this month.

I am pleased to share that your city council has approved a contract with Portzen Construction to build our new wastewater treatment facility. We are fortunate that the business climate has led to a lower-than-expected contract value of \$7,649,000 and it is icing on the cake to have a local business building this critical infrastructure for us. The new facility will be located between the CN Railroad and the current wastewater lagoons at the west end of the industrial park.

In other good news, the PCC staff saw the need for improved disinfection capabilities in response to COVID-19, and successfully acquired a \$27,500 Community Development Block Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to pay the total cost for a portable ultraviolet disinfection machine. This device will help assure proper sanitation of the common areas and shared equipment in the community center. Well done team!

As you may have read in a well-written Telegraph Herald article, an enthusiastic group has been soliciting your city council to change the Peosta ordinances in a way that allows ATVs and UTVs to be operated on city streets. Thus far we have had two productive discussions with open sharing of concerns and possible solutions to address those concerns. If you have a perspective that you want heard before any action is taken you have two options. You are encouraged to contact your five council members directly. They are elected to represent you in your local government, and they would like to hear what's important to you. You are also encouraged to speak at the council meetings where this will be discussed. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, and the agenda is published on the Monday before each meeting. Contact information, meeting dates, and published agendas are all available on our city website www.cityofpeosta.org.

June 30 marks the end of the fiscal year for Peosta (and all government entities). In the past 12 months we received \$4,052,152 in revenue, paid out \$4,019,815 in expenses, and ended the year with \$2,894,000 in debt and \$3,165,239 in cash. Our budget for the next 12 months is \$6,504,347, increased by 60% due to the construction of the wastewater treatment plant. Our tax rate remains unchanged for the 3rd year in a row at \$8.13055 per \$1,000 taxable valuation. These values reflect sound fiscal management consistent with our conservative history. Congratulations to our city staff for successfully wrapping up another great year!

Once again, thank you for your interest and engagement with your local government!





Beat the heat and come indoors to the nice cool PCC! Looking to join the Peosta Community Centre? Check out the rates [here!](#)

Please visit the Peosta Community Centre website for updates on building hours and updated information.

[July Fitness Schedule](#)



Utility Customers

Paperless Billing is a convenient, secure and environmentally friendly way to view and pay your ongoing monthly bills. Paperless bills contain the same information as your paper bills, but are delivered to your email instead of your mailbox. If you would like to sign up please email swinandy@cityofpeosta.org.

We also offer Automatic Bill Pay (ACH). It's **Free** and easy to sign up for. Your payment will be taken out of your checking account the very last business day of each month. You will still receive a bill through mail or email if you sign up for paperless billing.

[ACH Utility Form](#)

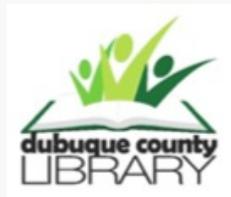


The Peosta Police Department has taken a number of vehicle burglary reports for unlocked vehicles. We would like our citizens to remember to lock your vehicles and take out any valuable belongings inside your vehicles. If you see any suspicious vehicles or people please call Dubuque County Dispatch at **563-589-4406** to have an officer or deputy respond immediately.

Also, The Peosta Police Department is now providing an extra service of fingerprinting for civil applications. We are only taking citizens **within the city limits** of Peosta due to COVID-19. We will open appointments for outside jurisdictions at a later time again due to COVID-19. This service will be free of charge to citizens within the city limits of Peosta. Outside jurisdictions will have a \$20.00 cost for this service. Please call 563-543-8579 for an appointment.

PeostaPays

What happened to Peosta Pays?! It has become clear that the Peosta Pays pilot program was very popular and it achieved its purpose of promoting local business during a time of critical need. We made the decision to roll this out quickly despite many unknowns and knew that we would learn as we go. Amazingly this pilot program has been associated with well over \$70,000 in local business receipts and has paid out \$4,600 in greenbacks that will also be spent locally. With initial funds depleted and numerous lessons learned we have suspended the program for a few months while we refine its policies and make it more sustainable. THANK YOU to all the businesses and patrons who have participated in the program and have been patient with us as we worked through the learning curve. We are anticipating a slightly revised version to be restarted in early November.



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