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The citizens of Peru will vote on a sales tax item during the May 11 Primary Election.
When the one percent city sales tax was approved in 2004, the verbiage stated that it would be for a period of five years and that the monies collected would be used specifically for streets.

The Nebraska Department of Revenue contacted the Peru City Clerk in 2009 and asked that the City pass a new resolution removing the five year and street specific verbiage on the resolution.
This new verbiage will be included on the ballot for the May 11 Primary. The sales tax being voted upon next month isn't an additional one percent sales tax, but it is continuing to impose the current one percent sales tax.
During February's Peru City Council meeting, a resolution was passed directing and authorizing the conducting of an election to determine if the City of Peru should be authorized to continue to impose the sales and use tax previously authorized for the City of Peru.
Also at the Feb. 8 meeting, Jay Moran was officially nominated to serve as East Ward Council Member. Mayor Leslie Ryan stated that if Moran's nomination was approved by the council, the City will take extra measures to assure there is no conflict of interest, such as bidding work and abstaining from votes related to him doing work for the city. After a unanimous vote approving Moran's nomination, City Clerk Cindy Moran conducted the official swearing in of Jay Moran.