

## **COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING JULY 6, 2026**

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, July 6 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno present. Aldermen Ballard and Tieman absent. Alderman Edgcomb arrived at 3:54 p.m. Mayor Kolowski present.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **MINUTES**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of June 15, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

### **PRESENTATION**

None

### **COMMITTEE DISCUSSION**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS (IT, Water & Sewer, TEST, Airport, Buildings and Grounds, Streets & Alleys, Electric, Engineering)**

##### **IT**

None

##### **WATER & SEWER**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on the torrential rain received on July 4<sup>th</sup>. PSM/Chief King reported it was a 100 year event and noted many issues throughout the city.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported that many sanitary sewers are tied into sanitary sewers and the need to look into ejector pits.

Mayor Kolowski inquired about residential cleanup efforts. Clerk Mertel reported that he would check with Republic Services to allow for extra garbage.

##### **TEST**

None

##### **AIRPORT**

None

##### **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

None

##### **STREETS & ALLEYS**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported crews are preparing to resurface alleys.

##### **ELECTRIC**

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported on the following:

- Updates on storm damage & lightening strikes

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- Truck damage to 3 phase at 38<sup>th</sup> Street & Mahoney Drive
- Unit 3 rehab started today

### **ENGINEERING**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported on the following:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Street bid opening 7/10/26
- Shooting Park Road bid opening 7/17/26
- ITEP locate has started

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported that he, along with Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert met with Herb Klein and Chamlin & Associates to set timeline and district boundaries for the proposed Business District No. 1.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE (Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Landfill, Cemetery, Parks & Recreation)**

### **CODE ENFORCEMENT**

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert initiated a discussion regarding 703 Pike Street and obtaining the deed to the property in lieu of foreclosure.

### **POLICE**

None

### **FIRE**

PSM/Fire Chief King reported on meeting with grant writer for SAFER Grant.

### **LANDFILL**

None

### **CEMETERY**

Discussed/recommended proposal from Ladzinski Cement Finishing, in the amount of \$9,425.00, to pour footings for 2 columbarium foundations. Committee asked for formal approval at the next regular meeting.

Discussed/recommended purchase 2026 JD X754 Signature Series tractor with mower deck in the amount of \$10,350.00 from Heritage Trailer. Committee asked for formal approval at the next regular meeting.

### **PARKS & RECREATION**

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported on the following:

- Minimal damage to parks from the July 4<sup>th</sup> storm.
- Discussed parking restrictions around Centennial Park during events
- Discussed restroom at Centennial Park
  - Approval at the next regular meeting
- Dugout covers at Washington Park installed

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### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE (Finance, Human Resources)**

#### **FINANCE**

None

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Kolowski reported signup is open for the upcoming IML Conference on September 17-19, 2026.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Donna Aleksy of Peru Elementary School District 124 PTA requesting permission to hold a family picnic at Baker Lake on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **CLOSED SESSION**

None

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.