

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING JANUARY 26, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno present. Mayor Kolowski present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of January 20, 2026. Alderman Lukosus made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Jim Arnold, Ms. Kaliegh Hincman and Mr. Ryan Ferguson of The Sports Facilities Company presented a feasibility study and market analysis on developing a sports complex to go along with multi-use developments in the land between Plank Road and North Peoria Street, north of the police station, with an idea to build a complex at what is now Veteran's Park.

The estimated cost for a large indoor sports complex was put at \$72 million. The projected cost of an outdoor complex in the area of \$28 million. An outdoor aquatics attraction would be around \$10 million while a potential amphitheater could cost an additional \$16 million. At the same time, the sports development group told the city a new complex would bring jobs, thousands of additional hotel stays, and hundreds of thousands of new tax revenues. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning stated the city would actively search for an equity partner to go along with potential grants, bonds, tax revenues, and Tax Increment Financing and Enterprise Zone incentives to fund the complex. Mr. Carls also reported the city would look to build this development in phases, beginning with outdoor, multi-purpose fields.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:37 p.m.