

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING APRIL 13, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, April 13, 2026, at 3:30 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

Mr. Chris Weittenhiller from the IL Valley YMCA initiated a discussion regarding the closure of the skate park. Mr. Weittenhiller reported the skate park is 21 years old and needs some updates. Mr. Weittenhiller stated it would cost \$12,000 to bring it up to code. Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events stated he has looked into and found a grant but is unsure who should apply for the grant. (Skate park was equally funded between the cities of Peru, LaSalle and Oglesby). Mayor Kolowski stated he would reach out to the other mayors to inquire about a 1/3 split.

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of March 30, 2026. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

None

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 replacement of catch basins around town.

TEST

Chris Perra, President of T.E.S.T. reported the quote from Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing in the amount of \$15,620.00 to replace the roof on Well #7 Mr. Perra reported the roof is 20 years old and needs to be replaced. Committee asked for quote to be placed on the next regular agenda for approval.

AIRPORT

None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

None

ELECTRIC

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick discussed the following:

- Net Metering Policy
 - Corporate Counsel will have an updated policy for approval at the next regular meeting
- Extended warranty for CAT diesel generators

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ENGINEERING

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

- 138kv Substation
 - Milling of road has started
- Main Street Sewer Separation
 - Project specs being finalized

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported the Downtown TIF will be funded for FY27.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported she will send out an updated code enforcement list on Tuesday.

POLICE

Police Chief Raymond initiated a discussion regarding proposed ordinance regarding restriction of Kratom and 7-OH products. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert will have an ordinance prepared for approval at the next regular meeting.

Police Chief Raymond reported she will asking for permission to hire an officer due to a resignation.

FIRE

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on spiller pay ordinance. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert will have an ordinance prepared for approval at the next Regular Meeting.

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported the splash pad color is fading and needs to be sealed. Mr. Thorson reported he is working with PC Painting for a quote and also mentioned that GAF may have a solution.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE *(Finance, Human Resources)*

FINANCE

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell provided a budget handout for discussion.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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Kim Reese, Director of Human Resources discussed the following:

- Wage Ordinance
 - Discussion and approval at next regular meeting
- GLP1
 - Health & Wellness Committee recommended Option #2
- Deferred Compensation
 - Nationwide is not being responsive
 - Switch from Nationwide to Raymond James/Jim Spelich-Security Benefits

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski reported the abandoned dumpster on Water Street will be gone on Tuesday.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert provide hotel development updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski reported he is working with AX Church-Hope Week for Peru properties.

Mayor Kolowski reported that Baptist Church did an amazing job.

Mayor Kolowski reported the boy scouts will be cleaning up McKinley Park along with 7th Street and Pike Street.

Alderman Sapienza urged that Brewster Street needs to be closed as the base has fallen apart.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 5:29 p.m.