

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING MAY 26, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Tuesday, May 26, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of May 11, 2026. Alderman Moreno made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

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

IT

IT Director Stephen Rounds reminded the committee to look out for phishing emails.

WATER & SEWER

None

TEST

None

AIRPORT

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the Marquis Aviation parking lot expansion is complete.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King initiated a discussion regarding the replacement of the mower. PSM/Chief King reported it would cost \$6,400 to fix; \$14,000 for new mower with \$1,500 trade (of old mower).

STREETS & ALLEYS

PSM/Fire Chief King reported on quote of \$10,300 for two repairs needed on 2003 3-ton snow plow.

ELECTRIC

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

- Hy-Vee project is completed
- Eakas project will be complete by end of the week
- Jet engine needs to be inspected and brought up to specifications
- Unit 3 is out for bids, hope to have for the next regular meeting

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ENGINEERING

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

- Area 2 Phase 2
 - Bids due mid-July
- General Fund Street Program
 - Being finalized
- Deep Sewer Project
 - Moving forward

OLD BUSINESS

Chris Perra, President of T.E.S.T. reported that Well 9 is a total loss and working on emergency plans to move forward.

Alderman Tieman inquired about Connexus and Geneseo Communications.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Carls reported that Riverfront Bar & Grill would like to hang a sponsorship sign. Committee approved.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

None

POLICE

Alderman Payton reported that Chief Raymond is looking at hiring a part-time police officer. Alderman Payton reported the department is down three officers with training and would like to add a part-time officer and it is accounted for in the budget. Alderman Payton asked for approval to hire part-time police on the next regular agenda.

FIRE

PSM/Fire Chief King reported on staffing conversations.

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

Alderman Sapienza reported the cemetery looks great.

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported on the need to seek bids for the roof replacement on the Centennial Park restroom that was damaged due to a tree falling on it. Mr. Thorson reported that specifications are being put together with PSM/Fire Chief King.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (Finance, Human Resources)

FINANCE

None

HUMAN RESOURCES 9DRdEzc0sWiRlWmo

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Payton made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, meetings where setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 4:36 p.m. and ended at 5:01 p.m.

Alderman Payton made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno present. Aldermen Edgcomb and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.