

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, September 14, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of August 31, 2026. Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Moreno 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 crews have been cleaning and checking catch basins noting the forecast of rain this week.

TEST

Chris Perra, President of T.E.S.T., reported that Well #5 should be up by the end of the week.

AIRPORT

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported on preparations of scope of work for hanger paving project

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

Mr. Carls reported on the influx of requests for curb and sidewalk replacements and the need to reinstate the reimbursement program into the next years budget.

ELECTRIC

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

- Unit 2 at hydro should be back online by the end of the week
- Seek applicants for journeyman lineman due to a resignation
- Update on progress of IV Reliability Project

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ENGINEERING

Mr. Carls reported on the following:

- Working on MFT project on Unytite Drive
- Working on drainage on Progress Blvd.
- Submitting paperwork to IDNR to raise Baker Lake 18"
- Looking at using STU & MFT funds to complete Plank Road Phase 2 or use for May Road.
- Plaza Drive to N. Peoria Street should be out for bid this winter

Alderman Tieman inquired about the Main Street project. Mr. Carls reported that contracts have been signed.

Mr. Carls reported on the need for anchor bolts, in the amount of \$11,000, for the walking path adjacent to Revere Electric. Committee asked for formal approval at the next regular meeting.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Carls provided an update on projects around town and asked if the council had interest in attending the ICSC Conference in 2027. Council was in favor of having a booth again in 2027.

OLD BUSINESS

PSM/Chief King reported the laborer position is down to 3 candidates.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tieman asked if Conexus plans to expand the fiber installation to southeast of Shooting Park Road and Rte. 251.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported on code violations throughout town, noting that three citations have been issued.

POLICE

None

FIRE

None

LANDFILL

Mr. Carls reported on the need for new monitoring wells at the landfill and asked for approval of change order on the next regular agenda.

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported the coordination of the Little Blackhawks Ice Hockey team is complete.

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OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski reported that McKinley Park is getting cleaned up.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Sapienza stated he would like to talk to Stark about ambulance service. Mayor Kolowski reported they have reached out requesting a presentation.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Finance, Human Resources)

FINANCE

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported that owners of 2116 4th Street are looking for reimbursement of door and initiated a discussion on how much money is left in the Downtown TIF fund. Aldermen of the ward are in favor of reimbursement.

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski asked about moving the Regular Council meetings to 5:00 p.m. in 2027.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Tieman made a motion to go into closed session to discuss litigation “when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting”, and meetings held to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Payton and Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 4:46 p.m. and ended 6:10 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.