

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 18, 2023

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:03 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno present; Mayor Kolowski present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Police Chief Sarah Raymond introduced newly hired Patrol Officer Casey Wood to the council and gave a brief biography. Ofc. Wood is a Grand Ridge and Ottawa native, received his associate degree from Illinois Valley Community College in criminal justice before transferring to Illinois State University, where he graduated with honors, and received a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. After completing his formal education, Ofc. Wood worked as a security guard at IVCC for two years, before becoming an officer in La Salle. He attended the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois and graduated from the academy, where he received recognition for placing in the top 10 students of the class for cumulative grades. Chief Raymond stated he has two years’ experience in our area and will fit the mold of the Peru Police Department rather well and he will fit in with all the officers very well.

Police Chief Sarah Raymond conducted the swearing in of Officer Casey Wood.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of December 4, 2023, and the Treasurer’s Report for November 2023 and the Peru Police Department Monthly Report for November 2023. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to receive the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on December 20, 2023:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$407,548.36
Insurance Fund	140,183.87
Utility Fund	2,046,528.57
Airport Fund	<u>28,370.49</u>
Total	\$2,622,631.29

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve \$250.00 round sponsor donation to LaSalle Peru Band Parent Association for their annual trivia night. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley

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called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Radio Upgrades/Separation-PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported it will cost approximately \$45,000 to upgrade and separate the radios with on short term expenses around \$5,000. (Cost to separate radios will be included in next budget.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve new contract with Saltus Technologies, DigiTicekt, in the amount of \$20,340 (less \$814 for 12-month pre-payment, total \$19,526) which includes an additional 5 mobile client licenses. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve the execution of an IDOT Highway Permit for the Rte. 6 Sewer Separation and Water Main Improvement project (Area 2 Phase 1). Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-23

RESOLUTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE RTE. 6 SEWER SEPARATION AND WATER MAIN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (AREA 2 PHASE 1)

Alderman Moreno made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve fees not to exceed \$100,000 for the inspection, evaluation, and asset condition reporting for units 1 and 4 at the Hydro facility to Thomson Construction / HCMS. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Kevin Minnick, Electric Department Operations Manager reported on the baseline forensic analysis of unit 1 generator at the hydro plant. Mr. Minnick reported Unit 1 is a catastrophic complete loss.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the December 6, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc. on behalf of Peru Route 251, LLC concerning property commonly known as Kohl's located at 5253 IL Rt. 251, Peru, Illinois. (Five Below). Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented minutes of the December 13, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of the City of Peru seeking certain text amendments to the City's Zoning Ordinance and the rezoning of certain territory generally located south of Interstate 80, east of Plank Road, west of Peoria Street, and north of Midtown Road. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6821

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF PERU ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE REGULATION OF WIND FARMS AND ELECTRIC-GENERATING WIND DEVICES

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance is adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6822

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF PERU ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE CREATION OF A-2, AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION DISTRICT

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the ordinance is adopted as written and read. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6823

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE REZONING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO A-2, AGRICULTURAL TRANSITION DISTRICT, AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF PERU

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance is adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6824

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 12.03(b) OF THE CITY OF PERU ZONING ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ALLOWED USE IN M-2, MANUFACTURING DISTRICT

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Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion the ordinance is adopted as written and read. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-22

A RESOLUTION COMMITTING THE CITY'S MATCHING FUNDS, FROM THE UTILITY FUND, FOR THE NORTH TRUNK SEWER PROJECT

Alderman Payton made a motion the resolution is adopted as written and read. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented an ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6825

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONSENT AND EXECUTION OF THE ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN 3 POINT INK, LLC AND OLSA AVIATION, LLC.

Alderman Moreno made a motion the ordinance is adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve selected candidate for the Staff Accountant position. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Alderman Tieman abstained. motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to authorize Human Resources to seek applicants for the Part-Time Staff Accountant position. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to appoint Jill Bernal to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for term ending May 1, 2025. (Fulfilling remaining term held by the late and former board member Linda Dzierzynski). Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

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MAYOR'S NOTES

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported wrapping of presents for the annual Blue and Red Christmas is complete and delivery of presents will be December 21st at 3:30 p.m.

Mayor Kolowski reported there will be a special meeting on December 27th at 4pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27