

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENTATION**

Police Chief Sarah Raymond, Sergeant Scott DeGroot and Officer Brendan Sheedy, Odell-Arkels-Stopka Citizenship Award to emergency department nurse Edin Sterling who stopped to assist Peru police officers who were responding to a man who was down.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of February 23, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes 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 March 11, 2026:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$432,961.33
Insurance Fund	178,665.59
Garbage Fund	81,164.40
Utility Fund	607,436.44
Total	\$1,299,957.76

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

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the Fire Department ISO rating stayed the same.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported that details for this summer's Music Under the Oaks have been posted and more to come by end of the month.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Alderman Moreon made a motion to approve proposal from Baker Tilly, in the amount of \$60,500 for water and sewer cost of service and rate study. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the

roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to construct the entrance approach and culvert for Johnson Seed. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the repair of generator #3 for the hydro plant with Inman Electric for \$175,876. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve the purchase of 34.5kv underground cable and terminations for the Eakas expansion for \$21,475 from United Utility Supply. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the March 4, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of City of Peru for Annexation and Zoning of territory generally located north of May Road near the I-80 overpass. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 7023**

#### **AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING CERTAIN TERRITORY GENERALLY LOCATED NORTH OF MAY ROAD NEAR THE I-80 OVERPASS TO THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/7-1-8 (PIN: 11-33-423-000 | 1.00? acres)**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 7024**

#### **AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JEFF AND MARY HUMPAGE CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 932 25<sup>TH</sup> STREET, PERU, ILLINOIS**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7025**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JOSH AND ERIKA MORRASYS CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2728 BECKER DRIVE, PERU, ILLINOIS**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7026**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SEC. 110-121 OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO SPEED LIMITS ON PLANK ROAD**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Clerk Mertel read a proclamation proclaiming A.B.A.T.E. of Illinois Motorcycle Awareness Month for May 2026. Alderman Sapienza made motion the proclamation be received and placed on file. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**MAYOR'S NOTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident John Caresio discussed the use of golf carts within the city and how to raise money through the registration of the carts. Mr. Caresio stated he had just got back from Florida and they are not a problem. Mr. Caresio reported stated that if just 100 people buy a city-issued sticker for \$100, that's thousands of new dollars. Alderman Edgcomb stated that it worries him that some will try to push the limits of where they can drive these carts, mainly trying to cross Route 251. Mayor Kolowski says he plans to reach out to La Salle Mayor Jeff Grove in the next day or two for more insight on how his city is approaching the idea.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Payton seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.