

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 1, 2026

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, June 1, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of May 18, 2026, Treasurer’s Report for April 2026 and City Clerk’s Report of Cash Received for April 2026. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Tieman presented the following disbursements for payment on June 3, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$462,684.87
Insurance Fund	154,069.92
Garbage Fund	81,221.50
Electric Fund	356,736.23
Water Fund	239,920.83
Airport Fund	<u>9,419.48</u>
Total	\$1,304,052.83

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to hire part-time patrol officer. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported that GAF gave a \$10,000 donation to Peru Fire Department.

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported that GAF also gave the Police Department a \$5,000 donation.

Alderman Tieman reported on the Music Under the Oaks this Friday.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve the upgrade and repair of Hydro unit #3 with Thompson Construction for \$1,071,606.00. (Not inclusive of T&M repairs to be performed on wicket gates and split ring assembly.) Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the repair and rewind of a power transformer with T&R Electric for \$82,517.00. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve the modifications to the Plank Road fuel building with Tieman Builders Inc. for \$23,200. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman abstained. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve quote of \$10,893.95 from McHenry Machine Co. for two repairs needed on 2003 3-ton snowplow. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

PSM/Chief King reported that TNT will cut the grass at the waste water plant since the mower is down and asked for further discussion of purchase of new mower at the next Committee of A Whole meeting.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the May 27, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Colby Urbanski concerning property located at 1223 Walnut Street in the City of Peru. Alderman Tieman made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7042

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF COLBY URBANSKI CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1223 WALNUT STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU

Alderman Ballard 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, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of May 27, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Leone Grain & Supply, Inc. for annexation and zoning. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7043

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF LEONE GRAIN & SUPPLY, INC. (2.00± acres)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7044

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF LEONE GRAIN & SUPPLY, INC. (2.00± acres | PIN 11-31-112-000)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7045

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY JAMES AND AMY BOLELLI CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 924 32ND STREET, PERU, ILLINOIS

Alderman Edgcomb 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, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7046

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26 – BUSINESSES, ARTICLE IX. – MOBILE FOOD VENDORS AND MOBILE FOOD VEHICLE, OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Diane Robertson requesting permission to close Independence Drive from 4:30pm to 7:30pm on Thursday, July 30th for a neighborhood block party. (Rain Date of August 13). Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Amber Leibov, of Santa's Elves of Illinois Valley, requesting permission to hold a back-to-school supply giveaway at Centennial Park from 2pm-5pm on Saturday, July 25th. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reported that Ax Church will be working on a project at Baker Lake on Saturday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Moreno 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 O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Payton absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:19 p.m. and ended at 7:26 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Corporate Counsel discussed economic development options with the council

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.