

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 15, 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 15, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of June 1, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on June 17, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	632,097.42
Garbage Fund	37.98
Electric Fund	1,706,219.08
Water Sewer Fund	227,965.45
Airport Fund	<u>281,850.64</u>
Total	\$2,848,170.57

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve quote for fireworks from J&M Displays in the amount of \$50,000. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported there would not be a rain date due to the fireworks company have other shows on the 4th. Mayor Kolowski asked if a rain date could be moved to later in the year. Mr. Thorson stated that it is possible.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno initiated a discussion regarding City of Peru Sales Tax and Revenue (STAR) bond district and made a motion to authorize and direct staff to prepare a Request for Interest/Qualifications seeking a Master Developer and/or Request for Proposals for STAR bond project. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Alderman Lukosus reported the competition is fierce, but we need to try for it. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve purchase of new mower for park department from Smith Sales & Service, in the amount of \$14,739. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to accept Liquid Networks proposal for professional services in the amount of \$16,500. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to and approve the purchase of SCADA HMI platform audit from Q MATION for the price of \$10,000. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve the purchase of 20,000' of 96 count fiber optic cable for \$36,000. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve the purchase of parts for the high-speed section of the hydro speed increaser gear boxes for \$43,856.00 from DB Santasolo USA Inc. plus \$2,500 expedition fee. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-06

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT WITH LKCS, INC. FOR INTERCONNECTION AND PARALLEL OPERATION OF RENEWABLE GENERATING FACILITIES

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

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PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski reported he reached out to OSF HealthCare after hearing about concerns regarding “a lot of noise” coming from the hospital. Mayor Kolowski stated that OSF told him the noise was coming from a temporary chiller for the hospital's air conditioning system. Mayor Kolowski reported that once they get the funds to install a new system, the noise will cease.

Mayor Kolowski also noted “a lot of positive announcements soon” regarding healthcare in Peru.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR’S NOTES

Alderman Moreno reported there was a fabulous turn out at the Touch-A-Truck event and moving it to the airport was a success.

Mayor Kolowski and Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director Adam Thorson reported on the efforts of Ax Church as part of their Hope Week volunteerism

- mulched 100+ trees at Baker Lake
- Cleaned and refurbished horseshoe pit and picnic tables at Centennial Park

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lukosus made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.