

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 10, 2026

Th A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, August 10, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Chris Suarez of 1418 Church Street asked the council about the cause of the [July 4, 2026] sewer backup. PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported that the lines were televised and nothing specific was found. Mr. Suarez inquired about deteriorating manholes. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported the city is aware and have been investigating. Mr. Suarez asked if the city can guarantee that the backup will not happen again. PSM/Chief King reported the city is doing everything they can do, but cannot guarantee it will not happen again. Mr. Suarez stated that he feels like they have been left alone. Mr. Carls discussed ejector pump options.

Residents Paul and Gina Koehler of 1401 Herbert Street asked about filing a claim with the city's insurance or if the city is willing to reimburse them for the damage. Mr. Koehler stated he was very disappointed in the lack of information or communication and asked for a singular contact with the city for information. Mr. Koehler noted an ejector pit is \$12,000 plus the cost of landscaping, etc. Mr. Koehler asked if the issue was caused by the new deep sewer installation. Mr. Carls stated no, that is plugged.

Mr. Suarez reported the field near his house was flooded and after the July 4th event, it was dry.

Residents Joe and Peggy Burgoni of 1413 Herbert Street reported they had 6" fountains coming out of their floor drains. Mr. Burgoni stated they are on their 9th dumpster as a neighborhood. Mr. Burgoni reported he has \$24,523 in damages so far and more to go. Mr. Burgoni stated they did not cause the issues and the city needs to reimburse them. Mr. Burgoni stated they fear this will happen again, noting they lost everything except one coffee table. Mr. Burgoni asked when the city was going to do their job.

PRESENTATION

Arleace Green, Public Affairs Specialist with the Field Operations Center East, Office of Disaster Recovery, U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) addressed the council regarding disaster assistance for homeowners and renters.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events conducted the Taste of the Illinois Valley 50/50 drawing. Peru Police Department Lieutenant Doug Bernabei drew the name of Joyce Prosinski.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of July 27, 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

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Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on August 12, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	643,866.02
Insurance Fund	156,892.18
TIF Funds	22,156.75
Electric Fund	404,339.66
Water Fund	310,028.78
Landfill Fund	10,282.50
Airport Fund	<u>1,643.12</u>
Total	\$1,549,209.01

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve purchase of backup batteries in the amount of \$13,000. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion to approve quote from Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$62,860.14 for McKinley Park playground replacement. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve quote from Communication Works, in the amount of \$10,583.00 to repair fire repeater antenna damaged by lightning strike. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel 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 purchase of two primary metering assemblies from Fletcher Reinhardt for a combined total of \$36,075. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of one load of wood utility poles from Stella Jones Corporation for \$19,654.04. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

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Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve the purchase of a complete GG3 Pratt & Whitney turbine for a total of \$131,800 if all inspections are satisfactory from Johnson Turbine Support. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel 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 concrete foundation construction from James Dennis Construction Inc. for \$32,910. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the August 5, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition for annexation and zoning of territory by Dennis D. Tomaszewski and John L. Lamps, as Successor Co-Trustees (Pin 17-05-224-000). Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the 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. 7050

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING TERRITORY AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF DENNIS D. TOMASZEWSKI AND JOHN L. LAMPS, AS SUCCESSOR CO-TRUSTEES (PIN: 17-05-224-000 | 40.00± acres)

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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the August 5, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition for annexation and zoning of territory by Dennis D. Tomaszewski, Julie A. Nowakowski, Caleb G. Tomaszewski, and Kai J. Tomaszewski (PIN 17-05-412-000). Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the 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. 7051

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING TERRITORY AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF DENNIS D. TOMASZEWSKI, JULIE A. NOWAKOWSKI, CALEB G. TOMASZEWSKI, AND KAI J. TOMASZEWSKI (PIN: 17-05-412-000 | 71.19± acres)

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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the August 5, 2026, Planning/Zoning hearing on petition for annexation and zoning of territory by Julie A. Nowakowski (Pin 17-05-413-000). Alderman Moreno made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7052

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING AND ZONING CERTAIN TERRITORY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2927 PEORIA STREET PURSUANT TO 65 ILCS 5/7-1-8 (PIN: 17-05-413-000 | 1.29± acres)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7053

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PERU FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING MAY 1, 2025, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026

Alderman Payton 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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7054

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE WITH NATALIE MACKEY (1703 Pike Street)

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Robert Baldin seeking a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, approval of special use and other relief for the property located at 1024 Pike Street. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission

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for review and recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reported the inaugural National Night Out was a success.

Alderman Tieman congratulated the IV Baseball Senior League team on their bid to the World Series Baseball Tournament and noted the team will be recognized at the next regular meeting.

Alderman Moreno thanked Lt. Doug Bernabei for his service and congratulated him on his retirement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.