

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 8, 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 Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported construction has started on a shared use path and pedestrian bridge over Route 251. Mr. Carls expects the bridge to be completed by next summer and work will continue as long as the weather holds out.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of August 24, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on September 9, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	526,812.94
Insurance Fund	165,589.61
Garbage Fund	81,221.76
Electric Fund	263, 694.30
Water Sewer Fund	283,931.14
Landfill Fund	15,815.02
Airport Fund	<u>1,022.31</u>
Total	\$1,338,087.08

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve K9 training and K9 partner in the amount of \$18,500 to be paid using the drug fund. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve an Engineering Services Agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the IEPA Mandated Lead Service Line Replacement. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve the purchase of the GG3 Gas turbine controls upgrade for a total of \$853,112.01. This includes \$689,300 for TTS Services, \$50,000 for VIPower services, \$15,000 for sole source software licenses, \$16,500 for consumable supplies, and \$82,312.01 of labor provided by Electric Department Employees. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1000kva transformer for \$25,000 from Sunbelt Solomon (cost will be reimbursed). Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve the purchase of one load of wood utility pole from Thomasson Company for \$20,696. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of September 2, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Robert Baldin concerning property commonly known as 1024 Pike Street. Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file concur with the recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND LICENSE AGREEMENT WITH CENTRAL ILLINOIS POLICE TRAINING CENTER – MOBILE TEAM UNIT 7 FOR USE OF SPACE AT THE PERU PUBLIC SAFETY COMPLEX

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:
RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

RESOLUTION APPROVING AN EXTENSION OF THE CITY OF PERU'S RIGHT OF REVERSION CONCERNING PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 1528 PULASKI STREET, PERU, ILLINOIS

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7057

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 2-26. – ELECTION WARDS ESTABLISHED, OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7058

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WAGES FOR SWORN POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS, NOT PART OF A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from St. Bede Academy requesting permission to hold the annual homecoming parade on Friday, October 2nd at 5pm. Alderman Payton made a motion the communication be received, placed on file, and permission granted. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Randy Winkels seeking variances for the property located at 426 6th Street. Alderman Tieman made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reminded the council of the Blue & Red Christmas for Kids Golf Outing this Saturday at Oak Ridge Golf Course.

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Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the Splash Pad and the Music Under the Oaks is finished for the year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Lukosus voting aye. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 5:28 p.m. and ended at 6:42 p.m.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, and Lukosus present. Aldermen Edgcomb and Moreno absent. Mayor Kolowski present.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ballard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.