

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 20, 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, April 20, 2026, at 5:03 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 April 20, 2026. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Tieman presented the following disbursements for payment on April 22, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$576,452.25
TIF Funds	17,156.75
Utility Fund	1,868,302.21
Airport Fund	<u>3,640.39</u>
Total	\$2,435,551.39

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.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve quote from Dimond Bros. Insurance, in the amount of \$7,622.00 for airport liability insurance for the TBM Avenger and Salute to Veterans event. 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.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve \$125,000.00 contribution to the annual TBM Avengers and Salute to Veteran's event (May 15-16, 2026) 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.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve \$500.00 contribution to the annual Peru CSO Golf Fundraiser. 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.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve an engineering service agreement (construction engineering) with Chamlin & Associates for construction for the ITEP project. 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 Moreno made a motion to approve an engineering service agreement with Chamlin & Associates for inspection services for the MCC Network Service, LCC fiber installation. 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 receive and place on file the Water and Sewer Acreage and Impact Fees for 2026. 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.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve quote from Northern Illinois Seamless Roofing, in the amount of \$15,620.00 for roof system for Well #7. 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.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve a proposal from R&R Landscaping for landscape restoration at Baker Lake in the amount of \$21,430.00. 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.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of 5-year extended warranties for \$21,538.00 each, for each of 7 Caterpillar engine generator sets. Total purchase of \$155,766. 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 Lukosus made a motion to approve the purchase of repair parts for unit #2 speed increaser gearbox for \$43,856.00 from DB Santasalo USA. 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.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the April 15, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Travis and Adriaan Harvey concerning property commonly known as 1103 4th Street in the City of Peru (PIN: 17-16-322-001). Alderman Tieman made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Discuss and act upon variance sought by Petition of Travis and Adriaan Harvey (Section 15.08 of the City of Peru Zoning Ordinance: "...When the Planning/Zoning Commission fails to recommend a variation, it can only be adopted by an ordinance with the favorable vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the City Council.") Alderman Tieman made a motion to table discussion/action. Alderman Ballard seconded the

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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 the minutes of the April 15, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Petition of IBI Ventures, LLC concerning property generally located east of Illinois Route 251 and south of May Road in the City of Peru ((PINs: 17-04-106-001; 17-04-106-002; 17-04-106-005; 17-04-106-006). Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7030

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF IBI VENTURES SECOND SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF PERU, A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.05(d) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, AND GRANTING WAIVERS AND A SPECIAL USE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF IBI VENTURES, LLC

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 the minutes of the April 15, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Petition of Johnson Seed & Grain Services, LLC concerning property commonly known as 6320 Meridian Road in the City of Peru (Bureau County PIN: 18-12-400-008) Alderman Moreno made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7031

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING WAIVERS AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JOHNSON SEED & GRAIN SERVICES, LLC CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6320 MERIDIAN ROAD IN THE CITY OF PERU

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 the minutes of the April 15, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Petition of William and Lore Jones concerning property commonly known as 118 Cross Street in the City of Peru (PINs: 17-20-113-005, 17-20-113-004 & 17-20-113-010). Alderman Sapienza made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and be referred back to the Planning/Zoning Commission for further review and recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7032

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 42 – FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION, OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF ARTICLE III. – SPILLER PAYS ORDINANCE

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. 7033

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND ADOPTING CITY OF PERU NET METERING AND INTERCONNECTION POLICIES

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. 7034

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 7012 AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND POJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP (Peru Midwest Industrial Nexus Tax Increment Financing District)

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. 7035

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE NO. 7013 AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND SUNRISE HOSPITALITY, INC., AN OHIO CORPORATION (Peru Midwest Industrial Nexus Tax Increment Financing District)

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:

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ORDINANCE NO. 7036

AN ORDINANCE FIXING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS COMMENCING APRIL 26, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 24, 2027

Alderman Ballard 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, 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. 7037

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY CHRISTINE AND KRISTOPHER NEWTON CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 837 ST. VINCENTS AVENUE, PERU, ILLINOIS

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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-05

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY PERMIT (L-18177-26 | Halm Subdivision)

Alderman Edgcomb 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

Police Lieutenant Doug Bernabei read a letter of retirement from Joe Hogan from the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board and the LaSalle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to receive the letter and place on file Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve appointment of Sarah Raymond to both the Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Board and the LaSalle County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board as a primary member to both boards. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel reported on the micro pantry located outside of the City Clerk's Office.

Alderman Sapienza reported on the need to look at ordinances.

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PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Rita Studzinski, of the River Valley Chapter of The Compassionate Friends, requesting permission to hold the annual remembrance walk at Baker Lake on Sunday, September 27th. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Brian Leone requesting annexation, variance and waivers for property located adjacent to PIN 11-31-109-000. Alderman Moreno made a motion the petition was received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reported the Little League Opening Ceremonies are Monday, April 20th.

Mayor Kolowski reported on the Lighted Way Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser on Monday, April 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.