

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 4, 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, May 4, 2026, at 7:02 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of April 20, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on May 6, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$603,007.50
Insurance Fund	163,108.51
Garbage Fund	81,183.52
Utility Fund	1,171,432.42
Airport Fund	<u>1,592.32</u>
Total	\$2,020,315.27

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

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve \$500.00 contribution to the Horizon House Road to Independence annual campaign. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners selected candidate for the position of patrol officer. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported the Kids Fishing Expo is this Saturday at Baker Lake.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to recommend and approve a proposal from Peru Greenhouses in the amount of \$41,624.00 for the 2026 Landscape Maintenance Services. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve quote from Freedom Buildings Inc., in the amount of \$11,810.00 for repairs to salt barn due to wind damage. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve quote from Advanced Asphalt Co., in the amount of \$25,800.00 for patching repairs on Shooting Park Road. Alderman Moreo seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza initiated a discussion regarding 2-hour parking limit for one space on the 2100 block of 4th Street. Police Chief Sarah Raymond and PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported they would order and erect the sign.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported on the North Trunk Sewer project and noted the completion date of April 2027.

Mr. Carls reported the ITEP bridge project is on schedule to be completed later this year.

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported electric department crews were able to pull power from around the neighborhood during the Main Street fire, and power was reconnected after the fire was out.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7038

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF PERU'S ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BEGINNING MAY 1, 2026, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2027

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

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Alderman Tieman made a motion to re-appoint of John Atkins to the Peru Police Pension Board. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion to re-appoint Tom Payton to the Peru Police Pension Board. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Angela Vezzetti to host a 3v3 basketball tournament on Sunday, July 5 at Washington Park basketball courts to benefit St. Jude in memory of Guiliana Koehler. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski commended the Boy Scouts on their clean-up efforts.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNME

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.