

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 21, 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, September 21, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Representatives of the Pouncing Panthers 4-H Club asked the city to celebrate Go Green on October 5th by using a club-supplied green bulb to illuminate either the roundabout fountain or Maud Powell.

Speaking on behalf of Hope Week, Mark Schenider thanked the city for its partnership and noted that many organizations work with Ax Church to ensure the event's success.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of September 8, 2026, Treasurer's Report for August 2026, and City Clerk's Report of Cash Received for August 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on September 23, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	573,413.85
Electric Fund	3,046,567.85
Water Sewer Fund	574,825.25
Airport Fund	<u>9,562.30</u>
Total	\$4,204,369.25

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 absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King thanked all agencies that provided mutual aid during the Bluff Street fire.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve a quote from Revere Electric in the amount of \$11,280.00 for street and pedestrian light anchor bolts. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the

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

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve a change order with GZA for installation of a landfill monitoring well in the amount of \$19,135.00. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve hiring the selected candidate for the Labor position in the Public Works Department. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to authorize Human Resources to seek candidates for a Journeyman or Apprentice Lineman position in the Electric Department. 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 absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve the purchase of a 1500kva transformer for \$39,400 from Sunbelt Solomon. (cost will be reimbursed). Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Payton, 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 the minutes of September 16, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Andrew Washelesky concerning property located at 1528 Pulaski Street. Alderman Ballard made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file concur with the recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7059

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF ANDREW WASHELESKY CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1528 PULASKI STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7060

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY DATED 9/13/21 BY AND BETWEEN MCC NETWORK SERVICES, LLC d/b/a CONXXUS AND THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS (May Road between Illinois Route 251 and Plank Road)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7061

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND MCC NETWORK SERVICES, LLC d/b/a CONXXUS (FTTH – South of Shooting Park Road & East of Route 251)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7062

AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING AND APPROVING THE PERU BUSINESS DISTRICT NO. 1 AND IMPOSING A RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND A SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX WITHIN PERU BUSINESS DISTRICT NO. 1

Mayor Kolowski asked to table the proposed ordinance. Alderman O'Sadnick said he was sympathetic to residents who felt this had been sprung upon them but said there would be millions at stake if the city failed to act. Alderman Payton said the city in fact had discussed the (Business District Development) BDD at length in search of the least impactful means of generating revenue, and this is the way to do it. Alderman Sapienza stated that if we postpone for six months, we lose six months of revenue and if we are going to do this, do this now. Alderman Moreno asked if the BDD is the least impactful option; Mayor Kolowski stated yes.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7063

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE DOWNTOWN TIF COMMERCIAL RENOVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION OF ROBERT F. VICKREY TRUST AND AWARDED GRANT FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 FOR TIF-ELIGIBLE EXPENSES AT 2116 4TH STREET, PERU

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

PROCLAMATIONS

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

MAYOR'S NOTES

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reminded the council of the LP Homecoming Parade on Thursday at 4pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Sherry Mayszak spoke against the BDD and questioned why it wasn't presented in a better way.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert and Special Corporate Counsel Herb Klein explained the BDD was written for the extreme so that it would not have to be adjusted in the future.

Ms. Mayszak asked what the first project planned and if it could be bonded. Treasurer Jackson Powell responded yes, it could be bonded.

Mayor Kolowski reported the 138kv project would be the initial project.

Ms. Mayszak stated that if the [BDD] was presented in a better way, the city wouldn't have as much backlash.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to go into closed session discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity, and 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,. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Tieman absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:48 p.m. and ended at 8:15 p.m.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno present. Alderman Tieman 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 8:15 p.m.