

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 30, 2019

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Scott J. Harl in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, September 30, 2019 at 7:04 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo present; Alderman Ballard absent, Mayor Harl present.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Human Resources Manager Kim Reese reported on the charity golf outing held on September 7th and presented the local chapter of the Special Olympics a check for \$4,500 and said the check represented 100% of the proceeds from the event. The City of Peru Health and Wellness Committee initiated the event and started as an employee appreciation activity, but soon turned into an event benefiting charity. Human Resource Manager Kim Reese stated this year was the inaugural event, but Mayor Harl expressed interest in growing it bigger each year to continue to make donations.

Mayor Scott Harl awarded Greg Molina, Anthony Swiskoski, and Doug and Tina Barr with the City of Peru's Good Neighbor Recognition regarding some quick action from a few neighbors helped save some pets from a smoke-filled home on the evening of September 29th. Fire Chief Jeff King reported a kitchen fire sparked up at a home around the intersection of 15th Street and Prospect Avenue just before 5:30 p.m. while the homeowners were out of the house. The neighbors noticed the growing blaze and worked to rescue two dogs from the home while first responders were en route. Fire Chief Jeff King stated this group did an outstanding job getting the dogs out because the house was full of smoke. Mayor Harl thanked them, stating it took a lot of courage.

Mayor Harl called attention to the new wooden plaque in the vestibule that lists former mayors. He recognizes Luke Carls and Brad Harrison's effort on constructing the plaque and said it is a nice addition to the building.

MINUTES

Mayor Harl presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 3, 2019. Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the Sales, Home Rule, Use and Telecommunication Tax Receipts for June 2019. Alderman Radtke made a motion the report be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the Peru Police Department Monthly Report for August 2019 and the Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for August 2019. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the reports be received and placed on file.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Radtke presented the following disbursements for payment on October 2, 2019:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$721,678.15
Insurance Fund	98,042.29

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Garbage Fund	33,008.40
Recreation Fund	439.38
Utility Fund	1,155,778.44
Landfill Fund	26,086.56
Airport Fund	<u>1,535.00</u>
Total	\$2,036,568.22

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the report be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve the reinvestment of Utility Fund reserves of \$400,000 for 24 months at 1.75% with Peru Federal Savings Bank. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve the reinvestment of Utility Fund reserves of \$350,000 for 36 months at 1.85% with Hometown Bank. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Ferrari made a motion to award the N. Peoria Roadway Improvements to Advanced Asphalt in the amount of \$3,960,409.05. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. City Engineer Eric Carls reported there were three bidders, all coming in slightly under engineering estimate. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the 18-24-month project will begin this fall and resume in the next construction season. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Ferrari made a motion to concur with IDOT's award of the Unytite Drive (PISCES I) project to Advanced Asphalt in the amount of \$1,487,055.65. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. City Engineer Eric Carls stated that the project was bid through the state and is part of a larger project called PISCES I, which will redevelop road and rail in the area to help alleviate truck congestion. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the city received federal dollars through the Illinois Competitive Freight Grant to help pay for the project and also partnered with OmniTRAX. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the project will begin this fall and resume in the next construction season. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to award the Cemetery Road Resurfacing project to Universal Asphalt & Excavating in the amount of \$116,689.55. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. City Engineer Eric Carls stated there was one good competitive bid under engineering estimate. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the work includes some earthwork correction on the roads and will take place and be completed this fall. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to award the base bid for the 1902 4th Street Parking Lot project to Opperman Construction in the amount of \$148,939.50. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. City Engineer Eric Carls reported two bids were received for this project. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the work will take place this fall and help alleviate traffic issues surrounding some of the businesses in the area. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the parking lot will have 12 regular stalls and two disability-friendly stalls and the entrance and exit to the lot will be off of Fulton Street and not U.S. 6. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to authorize purchase of 2019 Ford F-350 Chassis 4x2 SD Super Cab and box truck from Currie Commercial Center in the amount of \$51,289.00. Alderman Ferrari seconded the motion.

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PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported this truck is replacing a water department 2004 F 150 with 150,000 miles. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to authorize update and repair of Well 9 with Layne Christensen in the amount of \$186,391.00. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Engineer Eric Carls stated new pumps and other repairs make up some of the costs as well as dropping the depth of the well to give it more capacity. City Engineer Eric Carls stated there are also improvements expected for well No. 7 in the future. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6417

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF UTILITY EASEMENT FROM U.S. SILICA COMPANY NEAR DONLAR AVENUE (E 1ST ROAD), PERU, ILLINOIS

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of Planning/Zoning Commission hearing held on September 24, 2019 concerning the petition of Kathleen M. Budnick requesting variance for property located at 1803 JoAnne Drive, Peru, IL. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6418

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF KATHLEEN M. BUDNICK CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1803 JOANN DRIVE, PERU, IL

Alderman Buffo made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6419

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74-PARKS AND RECREATION, ARTICLE II.-SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS, OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE CREATION OF THE PARKS RECREATION AND SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT

Alderman Waldorf made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and voting aye; Aldermen Ferrari and Buffo voting nay; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 6420

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 74-PARKS AND RECREATION BOARD OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and voting aye; Aldermen Ferrari and Buffo voting nay; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve an agreement with Leopardo Companies, Inc. for a cost-plus fee with option for GMP, subject to final attorney review and approval, for the propose Peru Police Station. Mr. Lance Malina of Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins stated Leopardo will work for a percentage fee of the total project costs, and this step will allow the city to see the total scope of the project before approving any bids moving forward. City Engineer Eric Carls stated we want to understand these costs up front so we can make informed decisions moving forward. City Engineer Eric Carls emphasized that just because Leopardo was hired for the construction management and design of the project, that does not mean local contractors will not get a chance to work on the project. City Engineer Eric Carls stated once the project moves toward the construction phase, local companies will be able to submit bids for the work. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Radtke made a motion to seek applicants for retiring Utility Billing Clerk (Candidate to cross train Clerkø Office, Utility Billing and Finance Department). Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

Mayor Harl asked for further discussion for Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events. Mayor Harl stated he would like to bring more oversight and coordination to the cityø community events. Mayor Harl stated the Recreation Board is doing a wonderful job, but there is room for more. Mayor Harl stated La Salle has the La Salle Business Association to thank for a lot of those efforts, but Peru doesnø have a similar organization in place to take the lead on event planning, and would like to see the city move forward with a new director. Mayor Harl stated this position isnø meant to diminish any of the hard work the park board has been responsible for over the years. Mayor Harl stated this new position is there to expand on the cityø services and make improvements moving forward and stated the city already has two examples of this with the finance director and city engineer positions. Alderman Payton agreed that there should be more oversight for the department and added Peruø parks have an estimated valuation of more than \$8 million and asked why there isnø someone running it. Alderman Sapienza agreed the position would help supplement the efforts done by the summer program director and the park board. Alderman Sapienza stated he believes theyøre doing everything they probably can, but thinks a city like Peru can do a whole lot more Alderman Radtke stated he is in favor of the position stating our parks are underutilized. Alderman Ferrari stated he cannot see spending the money on a new position when the department is already functioning without a director. Alderman Ferrari stat4ed the position could be better utilized elsewhere such as public works. Alderman Buffo concurred with Alderman Ferrari stating he would rather see someone hired in the public works department. Friends for Peru Pool Member Claudia Mikyska stated she has attended many park board meetings and was overwhelmed by the dedication by the board. Ms. Mikyska stated she is concerned the position would kill the park boardø drive to organize events within the city if they were under direction of one person. Resident Mike Hart voiced his concern over creating the position saying he frequently hears the city is shorthanded (in other departments). Alderman Sapienza mistakenly referred to the parks as a park district. Resident Mike Hart and Mayor Harl commented that they are not a taxing district. Alderman Sapienza challenged Resident Mike Hart by asking him if he was against more things happening in our parks. Residnet Mike Hart replied he knows what goes on in our parks more than anyone (Centennial Park). Resident Don Forquean stated he would rather see the city save the money. Resident Fay DiRosa stated the City of Peru has nothing and would like to see more events happen.

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Treasurer Jackson Powell stated he is in favor of the position but wants to see a return on the investment. Alderman Payton made a motion to seek applicants for Director of Parks, Recreation, and Special Events. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza and Payton voting aye; Aldermen Ferrari and Buffo voting nay; Alderman Ballard absent; motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a petition from Martha Moscosa requesting a variance for the property located at 1815 14th Street. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a communication from Frank Kobilsek of Illinois Valley Sunrise Rotary requesting permission to hold an awareness walk beginning at the Peru Municipal Building to La Salle City Hall on October 24th in observation of World Polio Day. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Radtke seconded the motion; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Mike Hart inquired about what percent of MFT and General Funds is going toward Peoria Street and the roundabout. City Engineer Eric Carls stated he didn't have the exact figures by line item in front of him but could give a general breakdown. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the cost of the roundabout is approximately \$150,000 and the city recently passed a \$1,000,000 MFT resolution and is currently working with Finance Officer Justin Miller to use more. City Engineer Eric Carls stated more than 50% funded through MFT.

Resident Mike Hart asked about how long it will take to pay back (sales tax) the 1902 4th Street Parking Lot including acquisition and demolition cost. Finance Officer Justin Miller stated it would be impossible to calculate because the parking lot is a public utility, not something we can calculate a return of investment on. Alderman Sapienza stated he received numerous unfavorable calls regarding the property and stated the city is saving so much by purchasing it.

Resident Mike Hart expressed his opinion regarding the Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events and stated his thinks the new hire should go to a department not to parks.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:18 p.m.