

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Deputy City Clerk in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo present; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; Mayor Kolowski present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee Of A Whole Minutes of September 13, 2021. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

INFORMAL COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Justin Miller, Director of Finance reported on the preliminary draft lease agreement for the 2022 Pistol Shrimp season.

Kim Reese, Director of Human Resource reported the health insurance transition is progressing well, ahead of schedule. Ms. Reese stated we are in the process of selecting vendors for HRA and Flex Spending. Ms. Reese reported the city is looking into dental insurance options as well.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Waldorf reported on the following housekeeping items on the regular agenda:

- Purchase of trees
- Farm lease
- Sidewalk improvements
- Purchase of wire for Electric Department

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

Alderman Payton reported on the purchase of new administrative vehicle for the police department. Alderman Payton reported the committee discussed rotating squad cars and put current admin car on patrol. Alderman Payton reported the new vehicle would be purchased with drug fund monies.

OTHER DISCUSSION

Alderman Payton asked the committee what they thought of the IML Conference. Committee consensus was good, educational. Alderman Buffo stated he found the adult-use cannabis conference very interesting as it pertains to being a “friendly town”.

Eric Carls, Director of Zoning and Engineering reported on a Lead Line mandate meeting. Mr. Carls reported the mandated project will likely be unfunded due to the EPA losing money due to Covid-19. Mr. Carls reported the city will continue to be hit with unfunded mandates.

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kolowski asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired, or where the public body is considering the setting of a price for sale or lease of its property and meetings held to discuss 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 Buffo made a motion to go into closed session. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

Closed session began at 6:15 p.m. and ended 6:59 p.m.

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Alderman Buffo made a motion to re-open the meeting. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo present; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; Mayor Kolowski present.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Buffo made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 P.M.