

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING JUNE 6, 2022

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by City Clerk Dave Bartley in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, June 6, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo present; Mayor Kolowski present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Clerk Bartley presented the Committee Of A Whole Minutes of January 17, 2022. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Alderman Payton initiated a discussion regarding the 32% price increase on this year's fireworks display. Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events noted a clause in the contract that requires the city to stay with the same contractor. Finance Director Justin Miller reviewed the fireworks totals over the past 7-8 years and reported a fairly steady rate over the years. The council was frustrated with the large increase. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert stated he city may be able to get out of the agreement if prices are deemed not to be fair to the market, and must notify the company at least 30 days in advance. Mayor Kolowski stated he spoke with the pyrotechnics company and was warned about pending increases due to shipping issues. Mayor Kolowski suggested the council could scale back the show if the cost was too much, but aldermen said the few thousand dollars were not worth the hassle. Alderman Edgcomb stated a Google search showed a number of city councils are dealing with similar issues, with prices going up 15% to 35% across the country. Ottawa First, the nonprofit organization that raises money for the annual fireworks show in Ottawa, recently said its cost will go up about 30% for this summer's display. Alderman Sapienza stated he didn't want the city locked into fireworks display in 2023, for fear the price may jump again. Alderman Tom Payton said he would like to see a cost comparison of other fireworks displays to make sure Peru is not getting taken advantage of and hopefully bid next year.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported on the following:

- Lease Agreement with JMX Helicopter with helipad parking
- Sole source award for Schweickert Stadium Grandstand and Press Box to Dant Clayton for \$707,500 and sole source award for Schweickert Stadium Seating and Seating Mounting (577 seats) to Carroll Seating for \$146,800.
 - Apparatus for grandstand area and actual seating
 - Noted 20% increase since initial quote
 - Next will be brick flatwork and safety netting

Mr. Carls reported on additions to the Water Street project to add additional water main and storm sewer for an additional \$250,000. PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King noted if the work isn't complete, and we blacktop this section we would be just digging it up.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported on getting bids for some larger street repairs.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:04 p.m.