

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 21, 2020

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, December 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza (via Zoom), Payton and Ballard present; Alderman Buffo absent; Mayor Harl present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Mayor Harl read the following prepared statements:

Shop Peru and Win

The city is now accepting receipts for the “Shop Peru and Win!” drawings. Starting on December 8th the city began receiving sealed envelopes of receipts from Peru businesses totaling \$100 or more to be entered into a weekly, monthly, and a yearlong drawing.

The first drawing will take place New Year’s Eve with three \$500 winners receiving prepaid cash cards. Anyone wishing to participate may mail or drop off sealed envelopes through the city’s drive through with the receipts and participant form inside.

Justin Miller, Director of Finance stated the last day to turn in entries for the first drawing is December 30th.

Peru Economic Support Grant

The city is also accepting applications from local Peru Businesses wishing to apply for funding through the city’s Economic Support Grant.

We understand the pandemic continues to affect our great local businesses. The Economic Support Grant is intended to provide financial resources to local businesses who have suffered losses directly related to the public health emergency. The city remains committed to supporting these businesses and maintaining their presence in the community.

Please call city hall or visit the city’s website for more information.

Director of Finance, Justin Miller stated the last day to submit applications is December 28th.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 7, 2020; General Fund and Miscellaneous Funds Report for Four Months ending September 2020; Sales, Home Rule, Use and Telecommunication Tax Receipts for September 2020; Utility Fund Report for September 2020 and the Peru Police Department Monthly Report for November 2020. Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Alderman Radtke presented the following disbursements for payment on December 23, 2020:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$2,070,361.74
Insurance Fund	68,241.96
Utility Fund	1,807,498.00
Landfill Fund	12,162.90
Airport Fund	9,918.35
Total	\$3,968,182.95

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

Alderman Radtke made a motion to approve a \$1000.00 donation to the Peru police and fire department Blue and Red Christmas program for the benefit of Peru families (Christmas gifts and food gift cards). Alderman Payton seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; Alderman Buffo absent; motion carried.

Alderman Radtke made a motion to receive and place on file communication from Illinois Chiefs of Police Association certifying that the Peru Police Department meets the federal use of force eligibility requirements, set forth by the U.S. Department of Justice, for discretionary federal grants. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; Alderman Buffo absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Waldorf asked City Engineer Eric Carls to discuss the Area 1 Phase 6 Sewer Separation funding. City Engineer Eric Carls reported the procedural necessity to discuss and acknowledge that only private funds will be used, in other words, the project is authorized to be constructed with only local funds.

Fire Chief/PSM Jeff King reported on the addition of lights and asked for input for any requests for next year.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6528

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 14 – ANIMALS, ARTICLE II. – DOGS AND CATS, OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES

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Alderman Waldorf made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Radtke seconded the motion. Police Chief Doug Bernabei reported the ordinance amends chapter 14 and essentially eliminates the requirement to purchase a city tag. Rather it is now the city ordinance that one must vaccinate their dogs as indicated and purchase/secure a LaSalle County Rabies tag that must be worn or the dog must be chipped. If someone does not comply, they can be charged with city ordinance violations for either requirement but no longer has to go get an additional city tag. Also, as part of the next ordinance amendment it is a must appear anytime a dog bites another person or animal or causes property damage. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; Alderman Buffo absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6529

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3 – ADMINISTRATIVE ADJUDICATION SYSTEM, SECTION 3-14. – PREPAYMENT IN LIEU OF APPEARANCE, OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Chief Bernabei reported this amendment of Chapter 3 relates to prepay charges for first time offenders under ADJ. Numerous prepay fines were changed/increased and other violations were eliminated making them must appears. The attached ordinance spells out what charges are to be given under a prepay options. Police Chief Doug Bernabei noted the strengthening of fines for trucks off of the marked truck route. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; Alderman Buffo absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6530

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN EXTENSION AND AMENDMENT AGREEMENT TO SALES AND REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND SIDLYD PHI, LLC

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6531

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY COMMONLY KNOWN AS 2104 9TH STREET, PERU, ILLINOIS, BY DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE

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

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6532

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE AND BUREAU COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF NOT TO EXCEED \$6,200,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE COSTS OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS IN THE CITY, REFUNDING CERTAIN OUTSTANDING OBLIGATIONS OF THE CITY, PROVIDING FOR THE LEVY AND COLLECTION OF A DIRECT ANNUAL TAX SUFFICIENT TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON SAID BONDS, AND RELATED MATTERS.

Alderman Radtke made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Justin Miller, Director of Finance reported on the issuance and plan and stated lower rates have contributed to the refinance of Series 2010. Justin Milller, Director of Finance also noted no increases in taxes. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; Alderman Buffo absent; motion carried.

City Clerk Dave Bartley presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6533

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6471 ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE FIXING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS COMMENCING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2021” (IT DIRECTOR)

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Harl initiated a discussion regarding options for City of Peru flag artwork from St. Bede and L-P.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events thanked the parks department and street department employees for their efforts putting up the ice-skating rink.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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Alderman Ferrari made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.