

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 15, 2021

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, March 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo 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 introduced new patrol officer Hunter Wright to the council and read the following:

Officer Hunter Wright

Officer Wright started her law enforcement career with the Peru Police Department in November 2020 and immediately began police academy training along with Ofc. Michele Leary who was sworn in last fall.

Both officers have spent the last 16 weeks attending the police academy at Southwestern Illinois College Police Academy in Belleville, IL

Ofc. Wright is a native to the Illinois Valley. She obtained her Associates Degree at Illinois Valley Community College, as well as her bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice at Illinois State University.

Ofc. Wright lives here in Peru and has a one-year-old daughter with her boyfriend Nick Bernal, a Peru resident and LaSalle Police sergeant.

We are especially proud of both Hunter and Michele's accomplishments. They both graduated from the academy last Friday with high academic honors. According to academy Director Van Muschler Officers Leary and Wright were standouts in session 143 and he refers to them as "rock stars" and the "Peru twins"!

Deputy Director Danford received positive feedback on multiple occasions that both officers excelled, especially at scenarios - phrases repeated were "prepared, knowledgeable and required very little correction". Danford said if they were local, he would recruit them!

Additionally, Officer Leary won the "DEFENSIVE TACTICS AWARD" for this session.

They now begin a very intensive field training program lasting up to an additional 16 weeks. So, with their academy and field training they both will have well over 1000 hours of training before being assigned to solo patrol duties.

What is also notable is to recognize the fact our police department now employs 4 women in the sworn ranks. Commander Sarah Raymond, Veteran Field Training Officer Amy Sines who are now joined by both Officer Leary and Wright.

With that we have around 16% female police officers which puts us at the top of police agencies percentage wise.

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I believe we are by far the most diverse police agency in north central Illinois and that is something we should take great pride in.

I would ask the other female officers to come forward along with any of Hunters family or friends to witness the swearing in.

Mayor Harl swore in Officer Hunter Wright.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 1, 2021; Treasurer’s Report for February 2021 and City Clerk’s Report of Cash Received for February 2021. Alderman Lukosus made a motion that the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Radtke presented the following disbursements for payment on March 18, 2021:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$994,540.97
Insurance Fund	16,167.82
Garbage Fund	68,274.18
Industrial TIF	144,874.76
Commercial TIF	46,398.99
Mall TIF	1,969.90
Utility Fund	1,643,334.77
Landfill Fund	375.00
Airport Fund	<u>11,784.08</u>
Total	\$2,945,918.99

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 Sapienza made a motion to approve reinvestment of liquid Utility Reserves at Central Bank for 6mos at .50%. (\$500,000). 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 noted the FY22 budget will be placed on the website for review. Alderman noted the budget hearing will be on April 12th at 6:30 p.m.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Ferrari made a motion to approve a quote from EHC Industries for asbestos abatement at 709 Fulton Street, 1224 Plain Street, 2104 9th Street, 1528 Pulaski Street and 1602 5th Street, in the amount of \$22,790.00. 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.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve extended warranty on CAT generators through Altorfer for \$217,252.00 covering 05/01/2021 through 04/30/2026. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Noted payments will be made in increments, not a lump sum. 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 Lukosus made a motion to approve maintenance package of CAT generators through Altorfer for \$159,810.00 covering 05/01/2021 through 04/30/2021. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Noted payments will be made in increments, not a lump sum. 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 Lukosus made a motion to approve proposal from M.J. Electrical LLC for \$102,167.00 for upgrades to city's fiber hubs. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Director of Engineering and Zoning Eric Carls explained the need to update and market our fiber. Mayor Harl noted the goal is to light up our parks and downtown with free Wi-Fi. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; Alderman Buffo absent; motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6541

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, IL, AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF RAY SEGHI CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2617 ROCK STREET, PERU, IL

Alderman Radtke made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Harl presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2021 as Fair Housing Month. Alderman Ballard made a motion concur with Mayor Harl. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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Council discussed and recommended waiving the fees for liquor licenses and yard waste stickers. Alderman Radke made a motion to waive fee for liquor licenses and yard waste stickers. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Council discussed and set the date for appliance pickup. Council decided to keep the date the same as last year.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Riverfront Bar & Grill located at 1525 Water Street requesting permission to install two sand volleyball courts in the city's parking lot. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and referred to Engineering and Zoning for review and recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ferrari made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.