

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 10, 2021

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, May 10, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo present; Mayor Kolowski present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 26, 2021 1st Meeting; Regular Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2021 2nd Meeting; Special Meeting Minutes of May 5, 2021; General Fund and Miscellaneous Funds Report for March 2021 and Utility Fund Report for March 2021. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Buffo presented the following disbursements for payment on April 28, 2021:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$637,886.07
Insurance Fund	4,157.93
Utility Fund	566,631.07
Airport Fund	<u>749.99</u>
Total	\$1,209,470.06

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

Justin Miller, Director of Finance initiated a discussion regarding the City of Peru Economic Support program and stated there is \$45,000 left over from the program. Mr. Miller stated he re-applied for use of the funds and approval was granted, therefore, creating a City of Peru Phase II Economic Support program. Mr. Miller provided a handout explaining the criteria to be eligible for remaining funds. Alderman Payton made a motion to approve Phase II of Peru Economic Support Program Guideline and Application. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve cost sharing quote with the Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp from SportsField for field upgrades at Veteran’s Park for \$13,700. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the

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motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Police Chief Doug Bernabei reported replaced cars will be marketed for resale and got no offers. Chief Bernabei stated an interested community offered the city \$7,000 for a vehicle. Corporate Counsel will prepare a resolution for sale of vehicle.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

PSM Jeff King reported on issues with two lift stations. PSM King stated the 30th Street lift station by Baker Lake is an emergency repair needing wiring and new pump at an approximate cost of \$12,000 and the Menards lift station suffered a main pump failure and running on a secondary pump.

PSM King reported on a aging X Mark mower for the parks department that needs to be replaced. PSM King stated he received a quote from Smith Services and Sales for \$16,184.00

PSM King reported on an issue with a basement backup on 26th Street between Rock and Plain Street noting the backup is due to diapers being flushed. PSM King stated they are going to canvas the neighborhood and remind residents not to flush anything besides toilet paper.

Alderman Edgcomb asked Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning to report on the standing water near the new police station. Mr. Carls noted the slow drain down due to EPA run off filters.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

PROCLAMATIONS

Mayor Kolowski proclaimed May 9-15, 2021 as National Police Week and May 15, 2021 as Peace Officers Memorial Day. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the proclamation be received and placed on file. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

City Clerk Dave Bartley provided an on the more than \$70,000 in delinquent utility charges the city was owed as of last month. Bartley explain this issue has been talked about at council meetings over the past few months his office has attempted to give all residents with outstanding charges an opportunity to make payment arrangements. As of April 12, the outstanding balance was \$76,089, and as of April 30 the amount fell to \$73,667 and as of May 10 the amount was sitting at \$64,814. Clerk Dave Bartley reported 26 residents made no contact with the city, 13 have paid in-full, 24 have made payments along with making a payment agreement and 16 have made agreements but have made no payments. Clerk Bartley stated said all of these accounts have been receiving a monthly delinquent notice besides a three-month hiatus during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. The council discussed and agreed a June 1st deadline is more than fair and residents have been given enough of an opportunity to respond, those who have made no effort to contact the city, if no such effort is made ad disruption in their utility services will be enforced.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported on the closure of the bridge to the Peru boat ramp. Mr. Carls stated the bridge is closed pending inspection by IDOT and closed originally due to failed inspection.

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Alderman Buffo asked Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning to look into parking issues toward Sunset Park.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve Mayor's appointment of Alderman Dave Waldorf as Chairman of Public Services Committee. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve Mayor's appointment of Alderman Tom Payton as Chairman of Finance Committee. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve Mayor's creation of a Police and Fire Committee to be chaired by Alderman Aaron Buffo. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve Mayor's reappointment of Jeff King as Fire Chief. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve Mayor's reappointment of Jeff King as Public Services Manager (PSM). Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve Mayor's reappointment of Roelif Loveland to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for a 3-year term ending April 30, 2024. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve reappointment of Cary Miller, Tom Atkinson, Mark Lucas, Angela Kalsto, and Gary Grabowski to the Planning/Zoning Commission for a 5-year term ending May 2026. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to hire selected candidate for Public Works Laborer position. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to seek candidates for an additional Public Works Laborer opening, due to a retirement. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to seek candidates for a Public Safety Telecommunicator/Office Assistant for the Police Department. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley

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called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Reported on behalf of the Peru CSO that the veteran's banners do not fit on the new poles; open to more discussion. Mayor Kolowski complimented the Peru CSO on their efforts.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Tiffany Eilers requesting variance for the property located at 2926 7th Street. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from the Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois (BFA) requesting permission to hold the 22nd annual Baker Lake Fishing Expo on May 22 ,2021; authorize \$1,000 donation. Alderman Ballard made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Trisha Jamison requesting permission to hold a DS (dravet syndrome)/Epilepsy Awareness Walk on Saturday, October 9th from 7am-1pm. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reminded the council of the upcoming events:

- Police Week (May 9-15)
- TBM Avenger Salute to Veterans
 - Hoping for good weather
- Baker Lake Fishing Expo (May 22)
- Pistol Shrimp Opening Day (May 28)

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Kolowski asked for a closed session for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the act either for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes required by the act. Alderman Payton made a motion to go into closed session. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:50; ended 7:53 p.m.

Alderman Buffo made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo present; Mayor Kolowski present.

ADJOURNMENT

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Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 P.M.