

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 24, 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 24, 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

Mr. Cary Miller, TMB Avenger Chairman updated the council on the 2021 TBM Avenger and Salute to Veterans Reunion held on May 14-15, 2021. Mr. Miller thanked the council for their support. Mr. Miller reported Saturday's rain cancelled some of the plans for the event, but not all. Organizers still were able to perform a flag ceremony where members of the community brought funeral flags of fallen loved ones to be flown in a missing man formation and a full 21-gun salute. Mr. Miller stated Friday's attendance was not expected to be as big, and estimated 10,000 people rotated through the airport. Mr. Miller thanked the countless volunteers that worked extra hours beyond their assigned shifts and the many individuals that volunteered on the spot to help the coordinators with various aspects of the event. Mr. Miller stated the coordinators did not anticipate the extensive crowd on Friday and had scheduled most of their volunteers to work Saturday, which was scheduled to be the biggest portion of the reunion event. Mr. Miller then thanked Alderman Lukosus, Chuck Studer, the Police Department and specifically Deputy Chief Bob Pyszka and noted Bob did what all good pilots do, he assessed the situation and then he worked the problem. He assigned people and kept the traffic and the parking going and the biggest concern at our event is traffic and parking. Mr. Miller also thanked Jeff King and stated that no matter what we asked (King) to do he said 'I'll take care of it' or 'I'll get it done and sometimes we'd ask him and he'd tell us it's already done. It's unbelievable. Mr. Miller noted the aero shell show. Alderman Lukosus thanked Mr. Miller. Mayor Kolowski thanked Mayor Harl, city council, city departments and sponsors. Mr. Miller stated that we didn't get to fly everything that we wanted to fly, but all in all we consider it a huge success and we certainly want to do this again next year. Mr. Miller indicated his committee will return in the coming months to see if it can continue in 2022 with better weather.

Alderman Payton reported on the 3 Diamond Development project. Attorney Jon Brandt stated the \$29 million in tax credits for the project equates to about \$253 million of private capital to finance the 1,229 affordable units statewide. Attorney Brandt stated the city offers what most metro communities offer, a very strong reason for Peru's unanimous approval. Attorney Brandt stated 3 Diamond Development again thanks the city of Peru officials for welcoming this great addition to Peru for our seniors. Attorney Brandt stated 3 Diamond Development knew its application was strong based on the continual success of Peru and the need for these types of housing complexes in the area. Attorney Brandt mentioned the zoning is in place and all required city ordinances have been passed by the council and the final plat will be recorded at closing in about 10 months. Attorney Brandt stated 3 Diamond Development is very excited to start this much needed project and stated when this project was started the waitlist for a senior apartment in Peru was approximately four years. The complex will be located north of Wenzel Road and west of the Peru Social Security office and the Peru location will include 10 buildings, housing 60 apartments. The buildings also will be single-story townhouses. Aside from the living spaces the facility will include additional amenities, including a community room, a fitness center and each unit will have modern appliances.

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MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2021; Closed Session minutes of October 12, 2020, February 11, 2021, and May 5, 2021; City Clerk's Report of Cash Received for April 2021; Sales, Home Rule, Use and Telecommunication Tax Receipts for February 2021 and Peru Police Department Monthly 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 May 26, 2021:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$1,590,072.25
Insurance Fund	92,203.50
Garbage Fund	70,647.46
Utility Fund	2,185,321.68
Airport Fund	<u>12,957.67</u>
Total	\$3,951,202.56

Alderman Buffo made a motion the minutes and reports be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. 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 Sapienza made a motion to authorize the Police Department to continue the K-9 program using funds from the Drug Fine/Forfeiture account. 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.

Justin Miller, Director of Finance stated this was the final week to accept applications for the Phase II of Peru Economic Support program. Mr. Miller stated the city hand delivered applications to local business

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve City-Wide Specialty Landscaping Services for \$23,155.14. 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.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the Area 5 Phase 1 Sewer Separation project will be constructed with local funds only.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to seek bids for 4 bundles of 2800' ft of 2" Schedule 40 PCV conduit, 20' lengths. 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.

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Alderman Lukosus made a motion to authorize the mayor to execute the IDOT Traffic Signal Master Agreement (10-year maintenance). 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.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on May 19, 2021, concerning the petition of Tiffany Eilers concerning Property Located at 2926 7th Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Buffo made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6553

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF TIFFANY EILERS CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2926 7TH STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-08

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF A 2015 FORD INTERCEPTOR SEDAN TO THE VILLAGE OF LOSTANT

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Waldorf 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6554

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM WALTER J. ZUKOWSKI AND NANCY L. ZUKOWSKI (PIN: 17-16-317-012)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 6555

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING CITY OF PERU POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Alderman Buffo 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 Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6556

AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE FINANCE AND SAFETY SERVICES COMMITTEE AND AMENDING CITY OF PERU FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Alderman Buffo 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 Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6557

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF PERU COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6558

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CITY OF PERU PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2021

Alderman Waldorf 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 Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 6559

AN ORDINANCE FIXING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS COMMENCING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2022

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-09

RESOLUTION APPOINTING KLEIN THORPE AND JENKINGS AS LABOR COUNSEL

Alderman Waldorf made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. 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.

City Clerk Dave Bartley presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-10

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REAPPOINTMENT OF SCHWEICKERT LAW GROUP, LLC AS CORPORATION COUNSEL FOR THE CITY OF PERU

Alderman Payton made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski recommended the re-appointment of Jeff King as Fire Marshall. Alderman Tieman made a motion to concur with the recommendation. 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 Payton made a motion to seek applicants for the position of staff accountant. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. Justin Miller, Director of Finance reported the motion is based on a pending vacancy. 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 applicants for Human Resource assistant. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. Kim Reese, Director of Human Resources reported the new position would work with HR and the mayor. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

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Clerk Bartley reported on delinquent utility accounts. Clerk Bartley stated the current balance is less than \$50,000 and this is the last week to make arrangements.

NEW BUSINESS

Fire Chief Jeff King reported on the MABAS meeting on May 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the community room of city hall. Chief King stated MABAS is made up of 26 departments.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from James Hurst requesting a variance for the property located at 1421 23rd Street. Alderman Ballard made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Terri Welch requesting variance for property located at 2601 5th 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 Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Chris Ellberg of Illinois Valley Animal Rescue requesting permission to hold an IVAR Pet Festival at Baker Lake on Saturday, September 25th. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Matt Becker of Stone Jug requesting permission to close off Schuyler Street from 4th Street to 3rd Street on May 30th from 9am-8pm. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion.

Clerk Bartley presented from Stage 212 requesting use of Centennial Park for an outdoor performance on the following dates: June 11, 12, 17 from 4:30pm-9:30pm; June 13th from 12pm-5pm; June 19th from 12pm-9:30pm. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Target Corporation concerning real estate located at 4370 Venture Drive, Peru, IL. Alderman Tieman 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.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski asked Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director Adam Thorson to update the council regarding progress with the opening week of the Pistol Shrimp.

Mr. Thorson reported the following:

- Storage shed being delivered Tuesday
- Warning track work Wednesday
- Thanked everyone involved-noted the team effort of all
 - Elected Officials

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- Electric Department
- IT Department (Stephen Rounds)
- Police Department
- Public Works

Alderman Jason Edgcomb noted a couple of local boys will be playing in the first couple weeks.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported on the traffic plan. Mr. Carls reported in the short term, visitors will enter through traffic control to the current address and in a few weeks the traffic pattern will change over the season.

Mayor's Notes

Mayor Kolowski thanked Mr. Thorson and the council and Mayor Scott Harl for their efforts to bring Pistol Shrimp baseball to Peru.

Mayor Kolowski reported on the Peru CSO Veteran's Banner program. CSO member Mark Ptak spoke the council and presented some samples focusing on small businesses.

Mayor Kolowski reported on the Peru Veterans Memorial Group Ceremony on Monday, May 31st at 11:00 a.m at Washington Park.

Mayor Kolowski reported the boy scouts are putting up flags at the cemetery for Memorial Day.

Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director Adam Thorson reported on the Taste of the Illinois Valley 50/50 tickets. Mr. Thorson reported there are 2000 tickets. Mayor Kolowski suggested initiating a challenge for selling the most tickets among elect officials.

Cary Miller offered American Flags the TBM Avenger group owns for future Peru events. Mayor Kolowski thanked him and asked for them to be displayed for the July 3rd Fireworks.

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 7:58; ended 9:08 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

Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.