

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 27, 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, September 27, 2021, at 7:004 p.m. Deputy City Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo present; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; Mayor Kolowski present.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PRESENTATION**

Kim Reese, Director of Human Resources reported on the City of Peru Health & Wellness Committee Golf Outing on September 11th to benefit Cops 4 Cancer. Ms. Reese reported the outing was hosted at Senica’s Oak Ridge Golf Course and was a huge success, including 100 golfers and ultimately raising \$12,571 (100% of the proceeds) that was presented to Cops 4 Cancer. Ms. Reese, on behalf of the Health & Wellness Committee thanked the golfers, 41 organizations and local businesses that were outing sponsors, and the additional 21 local businesses and restaurants that donated items to be used as prizes. Ms. Reese stated their generosity and support are greatly appreciated. Ms. Reese also thanked the Health & Wellness Committee Members: Kim Reese, Crystal Smith, Adam Thorson, Dave Bartley, Justin Miller, Sara Balt, Ryan Shevlin, Sarah Raymond, Michelle Wagner, Blake Frund and Ali Coutre, the Additional Volunteers that aren’t on the committee but spent their day volunteering at the outing: Mayor Kolowski, Ann Riva, Melissa Carruthers, Tracy Mitchell, Carmen Shevlin, Rachel Colby, Mallory Olsen and Julia Graham and last but not least, the C4C Members that volunteered at the outing: Betty Glynn, Rick Piscia, Terry Guisti, Dave Lawson and Peru Police Chief Bob Pyszka. These individuals put a lot of effort and work into making this event possible and so successful.

Ms. Reese presented a check in the amount of \$12,571.00 to Cops for Cancer Board Members (in attendance) Betty Glynn, Rick Piscia, Bob Pyszka, Adam Conness and Dave Lawson.

Mayor Kolowski thanked Ms. Reese for her efforts.

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021; Treasure’s Report for August 2021 and Peru Police Department Monthly Report for August 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 September 29, 2021:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$878,529.15
Insurance Fund	73,828.55
Motor Fuel	320,821.08
Utility Fund	2,510,420.06
Airport Fund	<u>2,564.15</u>

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Total

\$3,786,162.99

Alderman Buffo made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to seek bids for 1 aught high voltage Okonite wire for extending our power out to Eiten Ag. Eric Carls, Director of Zoning and Engineering stated this motion is necessary due to expansion. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to extend farm lease with John Lamps for the May Rd/Halm Farm property. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve proposal from Peru Greenhouse for purchase and installation of 38 shade trees at \$300.00 each for a total of \$11,400.00. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve proposal from Peru Greenhouse for purchase and installation of 5 shade trees (4"-5" caliper) at \$1,000.00 each for a total of \$5,000.00. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to execute an IDOT Highway Permit for sidewalk improvements along Rte. 6 on the west end of town. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb presented a proposed resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-20**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS ALONG RTE. 6 ON THE WEST END OF TOWN**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

**POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Buffo made a motion to approve purchase of administrative squad car. Alderman Tieman

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seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6582**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASMENT FROM PERU ENTERPRISES, INC.**

Alderman Waldorf made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf and Buffo voting aye; Aldermen Sapienza and Lukosus absent; motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to seek candidates for Public Works mechanic. Kim Reese, Director of Human Resources reported the need for a mechanic is to fill a retirement vacancy.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a petition from David and Mary Kruswicki requesting a variance and special use for property located at 1415 Walnut Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Buffo made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion granted.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a petition from Ron and Amy Marini requesting a variance for property located at 1415 Walnut Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion granted.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a communication from Kacie Glade requesting permission to hold a disc golf tournament at Baker Lake on October 24th. Alderman Payton made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a communication from The Zonta Club of LaSalle-Peru Area would like to request permission to again hang the purple ribbons at the Municipal Buildings for October which is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. We would put them up on Sept. 30 and remove them on Nov. 1. Alderman Buffo made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried

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**MAYOR'S NOTES**

Mayor Kolowski thanked Kim Reese, Director of Human Resource for a great all-around effort on the golf outing.

Mayor Kolowski reminded the Council of the LP Homecoming Parade on Wednesday.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported he will be posting the Halloween events for October 30<sup>th</sup> from 2pm to 4pm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Buffo made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.