

## **COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING OCTOBER 15, 2018**

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Scott J. Harl in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, October 15, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard present; Alderman Waldorf absent; Mayor Harl present.

### **MINUTES**

Mayor Harl presented the Committee Of A Whole Minutes of October 15, 2018. Alderman Potthoff made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Harl asked for a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity and litigation when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Alderman Potthoff made a motion to go into closed session. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Closed session began at 5:36 p.m.; ended 6:12 p.m.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to re-open the meeting at 6:14 p.m. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard present; Mayor Harl present.

### **PRESENTATION**

City Engineer Eric Carls initiated a discussion regarding ICFPG (Illinois Competitive Freight Program Grant) for the PISCES (Peru Intermodal, Safety, Congestion, and Energy Security Project). The program received 46 applications requesting \$590 million dollars in funding. City Engineer Eric Carls stated that the City was one of 23 projects selected for funding and finished ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in the intermodal sub-category. In all \$242 million dollars in project funding was allocated through the program.

City Engineer Eric Carls stated that the project is a public-private partnership between the City of Peru and Illinois Railway (Peru Industrial Rail) and will utilize the grant funds to improve the former Peru rail and extend Unytite Drive from Donlar Ave. to Plank Road. The total project cost is \$4,406,772 and Peru's local share is \$721, 903, approximately 16.5% of the project.

City Engineer Eric Carls explained the PISCES project is currently finishing Phase II (design) and is expected to be placed on a late summer 2019 letting, with an anticipated construction start date of August 2019. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the goals of the project are to improve transportation movements, reduce truck miles on highways, increase capacity of existing rail lines, reduce industrial traffic in the commercial areas, and create capacity for future economic development.

Alderman Radtke noted the investment of \$2.6 million which will go to the former Peru Rail affirming the good decision the City made to sell to Illinois Railway.

City Engineer Eric Carls reported on the proposed 2019 STU Project North Peoria Street widening project. City Engineer Eric Carls reported the current plan would replace the Y intersection at Peoria Street and Plank Road with a roundabout north of the current intersection. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the project would also make North Peoria Street three lanes wide with a center turn lane and would include a 10-foot wide recreational path on the west side of the road for walkers and bicyclists. City Engineer Eric Carls reported the City would remove the existing ditch on the west side of Peoria Street in order to widen the road. City Engineer Eric Carls reported the goal is to improve congestion. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the proposed project is currently in the design phase and the City plans to host a public hearing in November. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the project will be partially funded by state and federal money. City Engineer Eric Carls reported the earliest start date for the project would be late August or September 2019.

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ferrari made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.