

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 18, 2019

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, February 18, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard present; Mayor Harl present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Peru Police Sergeant Art Smith, midnight patrol supervisor, addressed the Council to commend Officer Jeremiah Brown for his actions on Jan. 22, when his quick thinking prevented a civilian from being hit by a car. Sergeant Smith stated Officer Jeremiah Brown was called out to Route 251 near Midtown Road to assist a motorist who was waiting as a tow truck pulled his vehicle from a ditch. Sergeant Smith stated the roads were slick that day due to a mix of sleet, rain and freezing temperatures. Sergeant Smith stated Officer Brown was at the scene with his squad car's emergency lights activated, when a passing motorist lost control of her vehicle and struck the tow truck. Officer Brown saw the car coming and managed to push a citizen out of harm's way. Sergeant Smith praised Brown's lifesaving actions and stated Officer Brown is an observant officer who is always aware of his surroundings. Sergeant Smith stated his act was selfless, putting the citizen's life and well-being in front of his own. Police Chief Doug Bernabei wrote up a commendation saying Brown exhibited exemplary conduct during the incident.

MINUTES

Mayor Harl presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2019. Alderman Potthoff made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the Treasurer's Report for January 2019; City Clerk's Report of Cash Received for January 2019; Sales, Home Rule, Use and Telecommunication Tax Receipts for November 2018 and Peru Recreation Fund Cash Accounts Summary for January 2019. Alderman Potthoff made a motion the reports be received, placed on file. Alderman Potthoff noted the record year for sales tax and totals year-to-date are 1/2 million over last year. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the Peru Police Department Monthly Report for January 2019 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for January 2019. Alderman Ferrari made a motion the reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Radtke seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Radtke presented the following disbursements for payment on February 20, 2019:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$405,219.62
Insurance Fund	44,753.72
Garbage Fund	31,671.58
Recreation Fund	422.32
Utility Fund	1,721,624.21
Airport Fund	<u>5,888.21</u>

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Total \$2,209,579.66

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. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Ferrari made a motion to approve quote from Griffon Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$13,000 to install cameras at Fire Department. Alderman Radtke seconded the motion. PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King stated the security system will go on the outside of the department and will be attached to the police departments server. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Potthoff made a motion to approve \$2,500 donation to the Central Region Senior Baseball Regional Tournament Illinois District 20 (July 19th -July 24th). Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Alderman Potthoff noted the donation is well worth the investment. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Potthoff noted the FY 18 capital investment of \$9.7 million and the \$22 million of capital assessment that go back to the community.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Ballard made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the IDOT Highway Permit for the I-80 traffic crash. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

City Clerk Eric Carls stated the permit and resolution are needed to place the new wire under Interstate 80 instead of overhead. City Engineer Eric Carls stated work would likely begin in a couple weeks. Alderman Ferrari asked if the city is able to recoup any of the expenses from the at-fault driver's insurance company. City Engineer Eric Carls stated the insurance companies are working together.

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-04

RESOLUTION TO BORE CROSSING UNDERNEATH ACCESS CONTROLLED INTERSTATE (I-80 TRAFFIC CRASH)

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

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the Planning/Zoning Commission hearing held on February 13, 2019 regarding the petition of Relay for Life of Upper Illinois Valley concerning property located at 4351 Venture Drive, Peru, IL. Alderman Radtke made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE 6360

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, IL AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF RELAY FOR LIFE OF UPPER ILLINOIS VALLEY CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4351 VENTURE DRIVE, PERU, IL

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Alderman Radtke 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 Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEMAND RESPONSE SALES AND SERVICES AGREEMENT BY AND AMONG THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY, THE CITY OF PERU AND JAMES HARDIE BUILDING PRODUCTS, INC.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Mayor Harl stated the lower load at peak time and explained the need for the resolution. Alderman Potthoff stated the City will also save money. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to authorize the Mayor to execute final loan closing amendment for the Combined Sewer Separation Area 4 & 6 project. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Finance Officer Justin Miller stated that nothing has changed with the project but the state is finalizing the paperwork from 2013. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Potthoff, Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton and Ballard voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Radtke asked PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King how much overtime was submitted from the Public Works department. PSM/Fire Chief King stated he didn't have a number off-hand but it was a lot (due to the weather). PSM/Fire Chief King stated he appreciates the time the Public Works department has been putting in.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia presented a communication from the Office of the Attorney General State of Illinois Public Access Counselor FOIA Request for Review dated January 8, 2019. Alderman Potthoff made a motion to receive the communication and place it on file. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Radtke made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:26 p.m.