

**COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING APRIL 27, 2026**

A budget hearing was held on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 3:15 p.m. in the City of Peru Council Chambers.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel called the hearing to order.

In attendance were Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno. Mayor Kolowski City Clerk Jamey Mertel, Treasurer Jackson Powell, Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell, Police Chief Sarah Raymond, PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King, Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, IT Director Stephen Rounds, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events Adam Thorson

OPERATING BUDGET PRESENTATION-Presented by Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell

Hearing adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, April 27, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno present. Mayor Kolowski present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of April 13, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

None

**PUBLIC WORKS** *(IT, Water & Sewer, TEST, Airport, Buildings and Grounds, Streets & Alleys, Electric, Engineering)*

**IT**

None

**WATER & SEWER**

None

**TEST**

None

**AIRPORT**

Alderman Lukosus reported the parking lot is ready to be paved and will be completed for the TBM Avenger Reunion.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the salt barn has some wind damage. PSM/Chief King reported on a repair quote from Freedom Builders Inc., in the amount of \$11,810.00 and recommended approval at the next regular meeting.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported on a proposal from Peru Greenhouses in the amount of \$41,624.00 for the 2026 Landscape Maintenance Services and recommended approval at the next regular meeting.

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PSM/Fire Chief King reported on a quote from Advanced Asphalt Co., in the amount of \$25,800.00 for patching repairs on Shooting Park Road and recommended approval at the next regular meeting.

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

None

**ELECTRIC**

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick reported he is working with AMI on meter problem solutions.

**ENGINEERING**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Sapienza asked for 2 hour parking signs in front of businesses on 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mayor Kolowski asked for a speed bump by McKinley Park.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE** *(Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Landfill, Cemetery, Parks & Recreation)*

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

None

**POLICE**

None

**FIRE**

None

**LANDFILL**

None

**CEMETERY**

PSM/Chief King reported the abandoned dumpster down on Water Street has been removed.

Clerk Mertel reported his office received a \$10,000 donation from Andy Dellinger in his late mother's honor for a flag pole by the mausoleum.

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported that a tree on the west side of Centennial Park fell onto the restroom building. Mr. Thorson reported that he is looking into hiring an arborist to inspect the other trees at the park.

Mr. Thorson also reported on the following:

- Summer camp sign up begins at 8am on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Taste sponsorship has begun
- Disc golf at Baker Lake is being fixed

Mayor Kolowski reported that Baker Lake needs to be dredged.

Alderman Tieman inquired about the chillers. Mr. Thorson reported they have been removed.

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** (*Finance, Human Resources*)

**FINANCE**

Alderman Payton thanked Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell, Department Heads, Aldermen and the Mayor for all their hard work on budget.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Payton stated the city should not get involved with data centers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 4:51 p.m.