

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING AUGUST 31, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, August 31, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of August 17, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

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

IT

Stephen Rounds, Director of IT, reported that following:

- City hall and police department have two internet connections
- Live stream needs new network switch
- Cyber security contract is up for renewal

WATER & SEWER

None

TEST

None

AIRPORT

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning his office is working to get IDOT Division of Aeronautics to repave and restripe runway this year.

Alderman Lukosus inquired about airport fuel tank. Mr. Carls reported he would contact the Cody at Midwest Avtech to discuss their proposal.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

Mayor Kolowski inquired about the potholes in the lot across from the Peru Municipal Building.

ELECTRIC

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported they are working on the diesel project, and coordinating new roof for Water Street turbine.

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ENGINEERING

Mr. Carls reported the Deep Sewer project is moving forward and near 50% completion.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Carls reported on various projects within the city.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Carls reported that Ski Sealcoating & Maintenance was supposed to start work on the Pulaski Street project on September 7th but showed up last week with no notice to the city. Mr. Carls reported they set materials on new roads and sidewalks and blocked roads with no notification. Mr. Carls noted the contractor has been nonresponsive (today) which is a continuous pattern. Mr. Carls also noted it has been a constant struggle and asked the committee to take away his responsible bidder or probation. Alderman Payton reported the city needs something with teeth. Alderman Sapienza reported we have gone over these games before. Alderman Lukosus reported he is all for pressing forward and getting rid of them. Alderman Tieman stated the company needs to be watched. Mayor Kolowski urged the city play nice until project is complete and then be done with them. Mr. Carls stated the city should continue this discussion before the next bidding season.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported the home on Main Street had no insurance. [fire in May 2026].

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported that 1024 Pike Street belongs to the city now and will likely be demolished.

POLICE

Police Chief Sarah Raymond discussed using Drug Enforcement Funds for a K-9 drug sniffing/tracking dog. Committee recommended formal approval at the next regular meeting.

FIRE

PSM/Fire Chief King reported the firefighters eligibility list is expired and looking to start a new one.

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve quote from Ladzinski Cement Finishing, Inc., in the amount of \$17,970.00 for playground curbing at Washington Park. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Committee discussed sidewalk improvements in the parks.

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Mr. Thorson initiated a discussion regarding sidewalk improvements in the parks and noted he will work with Mr. Carls on bidding protocols.

Mr. Thorson reported he is in the process of coordinating with the Little Blackhawks Ice Hockey team.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Thorson reported that he is working with GAF on repainting the splash pad in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Finance, Human Resources)

FINANCE

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported on the closing of the sale of property to Ameren.

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to go into closed session to consider security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 5:07 p.m. and ended 5:27 p.m.

Alderman Payton made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno present. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Mayor Kolowski present.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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Meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.