

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, September 28, 2026, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of September 14, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

None

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

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

IT

None

WATER & SEWER

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, questioned the relief for the homeowner with broken tile at the manhole. Committee authorized the Public Works department to fix.

TEST

None

AIRPORT

Mr. Carls reported the T Hangar resurfacing project started today.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported that the street sweeper is out every day and working well. PSM/Chief King also reported that the leaf vacuum truck is ready to go.

ELECTRIC

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported on the following:

- Gas turbine inspection next week
- Working on thermal issue in diesel
- Generation building
- 2 turbines working at the hydro
- Unit 3 bearing will be in Thursday

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ENGINEERING

Mr. Carls reported on the following:

- Discussed handout regarding Capitol Improvement Projects
- Main Street will likely not start until next spring
- Focus on finalizing the Pulaski Street project

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Carls reported there are several potential projects in the works.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Alderman Tieman initiated a discussion and asked for an update regarding handout of active ordinance violations.

POLICE

None

FIRE

None

LANDFILL

PSM/Chief King reported crews have been cleaning up the landfill and it is looking good.

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported on \$11,550 in splash pad repairs.

Mr. Thorson also noted the splash pad needs 51 solenoid valves.

Mr. Thorson asked for formal approval at the next regular meeting for approximately \$24,000 in repairs.

Mr. Thorson reported on various updates on what is in the works.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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FINANCE COMMITTEE (Finance, Human Resources)

FINANCE

Human Resources Director Kim Reese reported on the 10.4% increase in health insurance renewal rates, noting we are one of the lowest in our coop.

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski asked about moving the Regular Council meetings to 5:00 p.m. in 2027.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweicert initiated a discussion Downtown TIF Commercial Renovation Program Applications of Larry Criss for 1727 4th Street and 1829 4th Street. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported that 1727 4th Street will be making \$45,000 of improvements and 1829 4th Street will be making \$25,000 of improvements. Committee recommended the issuance of \$5,000 per location.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel inquired about the 4H's request for green lights. PSM/Chief King and Mr. Minnick have taken care of it.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel initiated a discussion on 2027 council meeting times. Council to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:13 p.m.