

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, October 12, 2026, at 3:30 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 September 28, 2026-1st Meeting, and September 28, 2026-2nd Meeting. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Mr. John Cronin, President of North Arrow Partners, provided a presentation of proposed Willow & Stone Townhomes planned development on Lot 1 of Tomaszewski Commercial Subdivision First Addition (PIN 17-05-414-001).

COMMITTEE DISCUSSION

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

IT

Stephen Rounds, Director of IT, reported that mandatory cyber security training will begin on Tuesday.

WATER & SEWER

Committee discussed sewer televising for the Area 2 Phase 3 & 4 sewer separation project and will have a recommendation for the regular meeting.

Crews struck an unmarked 30" sewer during construction of the ITEP bridge. Reported it will cost \$30,000 to move the sewer, which needs to be done.

TEST

Committee reported we are waiting on a power cable for Well #5.

AIRPORT

Alderman Lukosus reported it is all steam ahead on maintenance?

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported crews are actively filling potholes to prepare for winter.

ELECTRIC

Alderman Lukosus reported that Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick is working on turbine. Alderman Lukosus also reported that Unit #3 is working and hope to have Unit #4 up by spring.

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ENGINEERING

None

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

None

POLICE

None

FIRE

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported a consulting group is ready to submit a bid for ambulance services. PSM/Chief King reported it will take months for the report. Committee recommended approval of the bid at the next regular meeting.

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, presented a proposal from Iron Sleek, Inc., for ice rink installation in amount of \$17,950.00. (with install date of November 10th). Committee recommended approval at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Thorson presented a proposal from Visua for audio system maintenance, integration, and operational testing at Schweickert Stadium for \$11,241.02. Mr. Thorson reported this will need to be done before next season. Wait till May to look at?

Mr. Thorson discussed the following remaining expenses for McKinley Park playground replacement:

- Installation proposal from Cunningham Recreation for \$31,947.00
- Surfacing proposal from Cunningham Recreation for \$7,858.60
- Proposal from Ladzinski Cement Finishing for \$15,000

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Mr. Thorson reported the Little Blackhawks Winter Youth Hockey Program is at full capacity.

Mr. Thorson reported his department is looking to end the Christmas Parade at the skating rink this year.

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Edgcomb stated that due to his new job, he would like to step down as chairman of the Public Services Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Finance, Human Resources)

FINANCE

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell distributed the annual treasurer's report.

Ms. Mitchell reported the payroll project is going slow but will be live with the next payroll. Ms. Mitchell also noted it is helping find inaccuracies.

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski asked what we could do to keep PVAS afloat until the study is complete, noting it's in the city's best interest to keep them afloat. Alderman Payton asked what the study will do. Alderman Moreno stated the study by the McGrath Consulting Group will give recommendation on how to move forward. Alderman Sapienza expressed that he wants assurances the city would be reimbursed, suggested an intergovernmental agreement.

Alderman Lukosus reported on meeting with residents on the west end affected by large rain event of July 4th. Alderman Lukosus stated the residents are looking for compensation for damaged done to their basements.

NEW BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Sapienza asked the question of what if the power went out residents lost expenses. Committee was in agreement to furnish the affected homes with check valve reimbursement and paying for dumpsters.

Mayor Kolowski reported that coyotes have been seen running north of Peru and noted that LaSalle County Animal Control has been unresponsive.

NEW BUSINESS

City Clerk Jamey Mertel reported on the 3% increase in the 2027 property casualty and workman's compensation insurance with IMLRMA.

Clerk Mertel reported on the need to replace the meter reader vehicle noting the last vehicle was purchased in 2022.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.