



# City of Peru



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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, February 19, 2024 TIME: 3:30 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: Peru Municipal Building  
1901 4th Street, Peru, IL 61354

ROLL CALL: Chairman, Aldermen Lukosus, Sapienza and Moreno present. Also present: Aldermen Payton, Tieman and O'Sadnick present, Alderman Ballard absent. Mayor Kolowski present.

### MINUTES

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the Public Works Committee Minutes of February 5, 2024. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion; motion carried.

### PRESENTATION

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### IT REPORT

None

### WATER & SEWER

Chris Perra, President of T.E.S.T. initiated a discussion regarding the replacement of the aerator bypass for the water plant and recommended approving a quote from Depue in the amount of 43,315.00.

### T.E.S.T.

None

### AIRPORT

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the retainer agreement with the Division of Aeronautics has expired and waiting for direction from the Division of Aeronautics on how to proceed with renewing the agreement.

Mr. Carls reported on the T-Hangar resurfacing project has been sent to the Division of Aeronautics for review and anticipating a June bid letting.

## BUILDING & GROUNDS

None

## STREETS & ALLEY

None

## ELECTRIC

Kevin Minnick, Electric Department Operations Manager recommended upgrading the annual licensing, hosting, and support fees of \$49,645.90 for the Tantulus AMI system. Alderman Lukosus concurred and made a motion to place the request on the next regular meeting agenda for approval. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Minnick recommended the purchase of 3 rolls of 15kv underground primary wire at a price not to exceed \$38,000. Mr. Minnick reported the purchase would be for the replacement of stock. Alderman Lukosus concurred and made a motion to place the request on the next regular meeting agenda for approval. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mr. Minnick reported on Unit 15 is still with CAT and working through the rebuild.

Mr. Minnick reported on the Unit 4 de-watering and evaluation and is reviewing the report. Mr. Minnick stated he is putting prices together to repair the unit.

## ENGINEERING

Director of Engineering & Zoning, Eric Carls, presented on the upcoming 2024 - 2025 capital improvement projects. He started by saying he has had many discussions with Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell over the past couple weeks regarding the capital projects and he wanted to give the mayor and council an update as to where they are in the planning and budgeting process for the upcoming season.

He stated that two of the major projects have been bid and awarded as of this meeting, the Rte. 6 Water Main and Sewer Separation and the 2024 General Fund Street Maintenance Program. The Rte. 6 water main project is being budgeted in the utility fund for \$5M to cover typical project overruns for unforeseen items, material testing, and construction staking. This project will be managed by city staff for construction observation. The 2024 General Fund Steet Maintenance Program will be budgeted in the general fund for approximately \$1.2 M which covers the cost of construction, construction observation, and material testing services.

Director Carls went on to discuss the applications submitted for grant projects in the City of Peru. He stated the city applied for an ITEP Grant, OSLAD Grant, and Tourism Grant, with the intention of utilizing Hotel-Motel Funds for these types of projects. Carls explained the city was fortunate and received two of the grants, ITEP and OSLAD, and the maximum grant amounts for each. With the award of these projects the Hotel-Motel money was planned to be put towards the city's portion of these projects.

Director Carls went to discuss the first grant award for the Rte. 251 Pedestrian Bridge and shared use path, which is the ITEP Project. The city was awarded the maximum grant amount of \$3M through the IDOT ITEP Grant program. The city's expected cost for construction is \$700K plus additional costs for design and construction engineering and property acquisition. He went on to state that they

were nearing the end of the design phase and working through property acquisitions now. It was originally estimated that acquisitions may be around \$400K, however the city is awaiting all appraisals and negotiations, which are completed by IDOT certified consultants. The project was originally slated for the June 2024 IDOT Letting; however it is now being moved to the November 2024 IDOT Letting, which would mean construction would likely begin in Spring of 2025. A majority of the city expenses are expected to hit in FY26 or possibly FY27 depending on when IDOT will request the city's portion of the Hotel-Motel funds.

Director Carls then discusses the second grant award for the Ice Chillers and Washington Park upgrades, which is the OSLAD Project. The city was awarded the grant maximum amount of \$600K. This is a 50/50 grant, and the project was estimated at \$1.3M. He is awaiting an official correspondence for the grant award and grant agreement. Once received he will work with the IDNR to try and expedite the order for the chiller system with the understanding that there is a long lead time for its delivery. Carls expects most of this project will be constructed in the Spring of 2025 or FY26 with utilization of the Hotel-Motel funds for the cities portion.

After discussion of the grant programs Director Carls discussed the Plank Road Phase 1 Improvements. He stated this project was planned over several years and is being funded with Infrastructure Funds and STU Funds. He stated they had been building the Infrastructure Funds for some time to handle each phase of the project and it was at a level of approximately \$5M. However, over the course of the past year several needs and special projects arose that required this funding, and the fund level is at approximately \$2.3M as of today. The Phase 1 project is estimated to be near \$3M with \$1.2M coming from STU funds and the balance from Infrastructure. Carls explained this project was slated for a June 2024 IDOT Letting, however this may change due to property acquisition timing and a utility relocate for a gas main. He will be discussing the letting schedule with IDOT later this week. He stated he didn't expect a large portion of the project to begin in construction season 2024 and stated it is likely to begin in Spring 2025 or FY26. He also stated with Infrastructure Funds continuing to build through this time the funding will all be available when requested by IDOT.

Director Carls also gave an update on the North Trunk Sewer Project. This project is estimated at \$6.3M. The city has applied for a state and federal grant for this project. He went on to say that the grants would fund \$4M of the project, if awarded, and the city portion will be approximately \$2.3 in construction costs. The funds for the city's portion have been restricted and set aside, which was confirmed by Finance Officer, Tracy Mitchell.

Director of Engineering and Zoning, Eric Carls discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> St. & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main Improvement. Director Carls recommended the Council to consider placing this project out to bid this season. He believes the current climate would provide the city with a very competitive bid. This project would need to bid in the next month or two since there is a specific construction window of June 1<sup>st</sup> to August 15<sup>th</sup> to accommodate work around Peru Catholic School while school is out of session. He stated he spoke with Finance Officer Mitchell about the funding of the project and expected need for funds. Mitchell confirmed that there are two utility fund CD's coming due near the time funds would be needed and are over the estimated cost of the project. The council agreed this would be a good time to bid and asked that it be placed on the next regular agenda to authorize seeking bids.

He also presented on the Water and Power extensions necessary for JR's Subdivision, which were a provision of a development agreement. These improvements are expected to start in the upcoming month.

A potential MFT project was discussed for Water Street, which will be dependent on the timing of MFT funds required for the city's portion of the Rte. 6 resurfacing contract.

Director Carls discussed the set aside and restriction of funds for an upcoming substation project at the new Center Street Substation. Previously \$1.5M was set aside and restricted and this year an additional \$2.5M is scheduled to be restricted for the project. He went on to say that some of these funds may be expended for the long lead items that have been bid and awarded such as the transformer and switch gear, which are a few years from delivery. Carls stated they will continue to plan for this large capital project, but they don't expect it to be under construction for a few years yet.

Lastly, he stated his office is continuing their planning efforts for upcoming capital projects and discussing long term plans specifically for the needs in the water and wastewater plants. These projects will carry large price tags and are expected to be a necessity in the next decade.

Director of Engineering and Zoning, Eric Carls, reported on the draft of the PASER program. Director Carls reported on finalizing the capital plan as part of the PASER report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Director of Engineering and Zoning, Eric Carls, reported on the need to resurface Water Street from Plain Street to the east. Director Carls reported the city could possibly use MFT funds if the funds are not restricted for use on the Rte. 6 project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### CLOSED SESSION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.