



# City of Peru



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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, April 15, 2024 TIME: 3:30 PM

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

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

### MINUTES

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the Public Works Committee Minutes of March 18, 2024. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion; motion carried.

### PRESENTATION-PARKS AND RECREATION

Kevin Driscoll of NuToys presented a rendering of the future Schweickert Magical Park, made in part by the generous donation from the Doug and Rorie Schweickert Foundation, to be located adjacent to Lighted Way and Baker Lake. Mr. Driscoll stated they were approached to put together a design concept that's a lot different than anything around here that balances both 100% wheelchair accessibility and for able bodied users. Mr. Driscoll stated the concept kind of checking a lot of boxes of university that all can enjoy. Mr. Driscoll stated he met with Lighted Way Director Jessica Kreiser during the concept phase of the project and discovered the kids use a communication board, he then incorporated one into the concept. Mr. Driscoll pointed out the addition of QR codes placed on a lot of the unique elements that will take you to a YouTube video showing everything works. Mr. Driscoll stated this is the only wheelchair accessible swing that's on the market right now. Mr. Driscoll spoke on how to access the equipment by stating there would be a sidewalk surrounding one side of the playground, acting as the border of the playground as well, making it easily accessible by all.

Mr. Driscoll stated they put a structure on here that balances ADA accessibility via ramp versus a large net climber that goes all way up to an 8-foot-high slide for able body users. Mr. Driscoll stated the is a nice balance along with a lot of alternative routes to get to certain spots, all-inclusive, and doesn't really leave anyone out. Mr. Driscoll stated there is a wide variety of activities for all different ages including smart play, beneficial to the two- to five-year-old range. Mr. Driscoll pointed out the wheelchair accessible, merry-go-around, wheelchair accessible seesaw with the transfer of four seats.

Alderman Moreno asked Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning about accessibility from Baker Lake and if Schweickert Magical Park will be open to the public. Director Carls stated the location of the Schweickert Magical Park will be located north of the Lighted Way and south of the original east side parking lot. Director Carls stated there would be connectivity from the walking path,

including an ADA accessible route from the parking lot to the playground. Director Carls stated we are also in the early stages of upgrades such as landscaping and protective fencing.

Committee inquired about the surface. Mr. Driscoll stated the surface will be poured-in-place rubber safety surface that is fully wheelchair accessible. Mr. Driscoll noted the surface throughout the entire site system will be the height of the sidewalk, building that full accessibility from the sidewalk on the under surface. Mr. Driscoll also stated the surface includes a 10-year warranty.

Mayor Kolowski asked about timeline of the placement of the park. Director Carls stated this fall would be the earliest, depending on delivery. Mr. Driscoll noted the surface has to be poured in certain temperatures, which will also affect the timeline. Director Carls stated construction would likely be Spring 2025 along with implementing a path that goes up to the trail to include ADA accessible growth from the parking lot to the playground.

Mayor Kolowski voiced his concern regarding vandalism and asked if cameras would be installed at the park. IT Director Stephen Rounds stated we do not have electric service there right now but could make provisions.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### IT REPORT

None

#### WATER & SEWER

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported we received the annual Water and Sewage Acreage and Impact Fees for 2024 which includes the requirement to escalate the assessment and front footage fees in accordance with a construction cost index. lists the adjustments to those based on construction cost index. Mr. Carls stated an increase of roughly 2.3% increase per acre; impact fee cost is being adjusted from \$4,205 to \$4,302 per acre, sewer front footage fee has been adjusted from \$75.70 to \$77.43 and the water front footage been adjusted from \$50.46 to \$51.62. Mr. Carls stated the report will be on the next regular agenda for approval.

#### T.E.S.T.

None

#### AIRPORT

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported he is trying to coordinate with the Division of Aeronautics on the T-Hangar project along with them executing our retainer agreements.

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS

None

#### STREETS & ALLEY

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported on multiple requests from the owner of 2403 8<sup>th</sup> Street to potentially vacate the alley to extend his fence to be used as an additional play area for his children. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning stated his office has had a couple of requests in the past few years and asked the committee how to handle these requests going forward. Mr. Carls stated

the city currently has procedures in order requiring names, addresses, phone number and a fee of \$1,800. Mr. Carls stated the fee covers the cost of vacation plan, preparation fee, publication, and legal fees. Mr. Carls stated the information was sent to the resident and if they are able to obtain the required information and pay the fee, he has no problem vacating it. Mr. Carls reported the city always reserves easements for any utilities that may be deemed necessary in the future. Mr. Carls stated the easements are necessary to access the alleyway to repair, maintain or replace utilities. Mr. Carls stated one concern about vacating the alley is the installation of the fiber to the premises systems being installed within the city. Alderman Lukosus suggested deferring to the ward aldermen for review.

## ELECTRIC

Kevin Minnick, Electric Department Operations Manager provided an update on the IMEA/Ameren Interconnection along with discussions regarding interconnection and sources of power. Mr. Minnick stated he has to be somewhat vague because of non-disclosure agreement with Ameren. Mr. Minnick stated they may reevaluate certain projects and things that may include certain allocations that were made for the Center Street substation and things like that to refocus those efforts in a different way, to build maybe a smaller station and look at a different interconnection. Mr. Minnick stated they are working closely with Mike Perry of Chamlin and Associates along with various consultants to make sure everything is being looked at appropriately and there's enough eyes on it to make sure that all the decisions make sense.

## ENGINEERING

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering & Zoning reported on the bid from J.W. Ossola in the amount of \$130,380.00 for the JR's Subdivision Water Main Extension. Director. Carls stated the project is below the Engineer's Estimate of \$192,000.00.

Director. Carls reported on the bid from Ski Sealcoating and Maintenance in the amount of \$771,746.12 for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street & 10<sup>th</sup> Street Water Main. Director Carls stated the project is below the Engineer's Estimate of \$950,000.00.

Director. Carls reported there will be an item for approval on the next regular agenda for execution of joint agreement with IDOT for the Plank Road Phase I Extension project. Director. Carls stated we are utilizing STU funds left over from the COVID-19 funds that were specified for these types of road projects. Mr. Carls stated this project is scheduled for June bid letting. Director. Carls stated the total estimated cost is just shy of \$3 million with \$1.25 million coming from STU fund money. Director. Carls stated the city portion of this project will utilize infrastructure funds of \$1.658 million and that's for the construction piece. Director Carls stated we are working through some final land acquisition pieces as well.

Director Carls stated the General Fund Street Program is underway. We're working on now is a lot of the curb, driveway and sidewalk work and would anticipate milling and grinding work would be within the next 30 days. We are continuing our planning efforts on some of our other projects. Director Carls stated there is a bit of a delay on the Route 6 Water Main project that is no fault of the city.

Director Carls reported he received the OSLAD grant agreement late last week and that Stephanie at Chamlin and Associates will be doing the grant administration work. Director Carls stated we did send some initial paperwork to them with signatures, anything that might have to come before the Council for the mayor, clerk to execute will be put on Monday's agenda if there are any items we are working with potential vendors on the chillers and our goal now is to get that place as quickly as possible. Director Carls reported we have the option to take either \$0.00 up front for the grant funds or 50% of the grant funds. Director Carls stated we obviously selected to take 50% of the grant funds up front, so we'll receive \$300,000 and the balance of 300,000 will be paid either in progress payments or at the completion of the project. Adam Thorson, Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director stated there are two or three vendors that are going to be bidding.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering & Zoning recalled the discussion regarding the homeowner at 1120 Harrison Street requesting to purchase a portion of the city's right-of-way. Director Carls reported that no utilities are impacted, and the homeowner would be required to cover the cost of survey and legal work. Committee was in favor of moving forward with the request.

#### NEW BUSINESS

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the leaf vacuum truck is ready and getting outfitted.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported he has finally received the new 301 truck and has transferred the Expedition to the Deputy Fire Chief.

Alderman Payton inquired about restoration from the fiber installation asked that Geneseo Communications attend a future council meeting to discuss restoration process.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

#### CLOSED SESSION

None

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.