# CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Scott J. Harl in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 7:03 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza (by phone) Payton, Ballard (by phone) and Buffo present; Mayor Harl present.

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

# **PUBLIC COMMENT**

# **PRESENTATION**

#### **MINUTES**

Mayor Harl presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2020. Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried. Alderman Radtke requested the minutes regarding the Plain Street purchase be amended to reflect the motion was made by Alderman Waldorf and seconded by Alderman Ferrari. Alderman Radtke voted no.

# **FINANCIAL REPORTS**

# **ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Harl presented the Peru Police Department Monthly Report for March 2020 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for February 2020. Alderman Payton asked Police Chief Doug Bernabei for an update on calls. Police Chief Doug Bernabei reported the following:

- Crime is down
- Activity is down
- More disturbance related calls after first plus week
- Patrolman working to be patient and accommodating
- Noted Baker Lake protocol prompted social distancing of people even if they live in same household
  - o 99% appreciated
  - o Small but vocal group frustrated by the requirement for households to separate
  - o Overall positive and the parks are open

Alderman Radtke made a motion the reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion; motion carried.

# FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Buffo presented the following disbursements for payment on April 15, 2020:

FUND NAME	TOTAL EXPENSES
General Fund	\$269,092.02
Insurance Fund	29,387.21
Garbage Fund	68,306.40
Industrial TIF	11,706.48
Commercial TIF	6,634.97
Utility Fund	390,258.25
Landfill Fund	5,248.36
Airport Fund	<u>11,716.95</u>
Total	\$792,350.64

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Alderman Buffo made a motion that the report be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Alderman Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting ave; motion carried.

#### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve change order for the mass grading of Midtown Road to John Pohar & Sons in the amount of \$65,596.10. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Engineer Eric Carls (by phone) provided the following:

- Contract issued several months back
- John Pohar and Sons is already mobilized so the cost is very favorable
- Adjusting cash flow for finishing later in 2022.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the landfill is open everyday and an additional dumpster will be added tomorrow. He reminded the public not to put bags outside of the fence.

# REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 6470**

# AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF A UTILITY EASEMENT FROM BRIAN A. BURCH AND DEBORAH R. BURCH (P.I.N.: 17-16-320-016)

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-09**

#### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL ESTATE FROM W.H. MAZE COMPANY

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Mayor Harl noted the purchase is the recommended location for the new substation in accordance with the BHMG study. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2020-11**

# RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR APPLICATION SERVICES FOR A REBUILD ILLINOIS PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF PERU WITH NORTH CENTRAL ILLINOIS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS (NCICG)

Alderman Waldorf made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Council tabled COUNCIL RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE DOWNSTATE SMALL BUSINESS STABILIZATION PROGRAM

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# **PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Harl asked for consideration to waive impacted liquor license fees completely and asked for more feedback.

Mayor Harl commented on the following budget process:

- Noted Brad Cole, IML Executive Director gave a letter citing that most municipalities are passing their previously prepared budgets.
- Mayor Harl favors passing the existing budget
- Aldermen Radtke, Payton, Buffo and Waldorf agree to postpone budget hearing to May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Harl announced \$10,000 donation to the COVID-19 fund from a family outside of the city. Mayor Harl stated the fund has a balance of \$28,350.00 and the city clerk is working with Tri-County Opportunities Council.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Payton made a motion to re-appoint Bob Pyszka to the Police Pension Board for a one-year term ending April 30, 2021. Alderman Ferrari seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Alderman Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to waive the \$500.00 liquor license fee for Class A, A1 and C licenses. (Specifically, those impacted by COVID-19). Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Radtke voting nay; motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to suspend yard waste bag sticker requirement (COVID-19 period only). Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Alderman Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

#### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Ferrari seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:40 p.m.