

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 2023

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, February 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo present; Alderman Payton absent; Mayor Kolowski present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Peru Police Officers Brad Jones and Michelle Leary were honored with a lifesaving award for their actions that saved a woman’s life.

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported that at 5 p.m. Jan 25, Jones and Leary responded to a call for a woman that was not breathing. When they arrived, they observed her and quickly realized she’d had a drug overdose. The woman had been in this state for more than several minutes by the time they arrived.

She had blue, clammy skin, closed eyes and a faint pulse. Leary then administered the first dose of NARCAN, a nasal spray medication meant to quickly help reverse effects of an opioid overdose. The two officers worked together to administer CPR, with Leary doing compressions and Jones using an AMBU resuscitator bag to provide breaths.

The officers then lost the woman’s pulse and administered a second dose of NARCAN. After the third round of CPR, the woman was breathing on her own again and her pulse returned.

She slowly regained consciousness, and after a few minutes of being confused became alert and was able to speak with officers and first responders.

Chief Raymond stated that without the quick and accurate actions of Officer Jones and Officer Leary, the outcome of this call could’ve been fatal.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of January 30, 2023; Treasurer’s Report for December 2022; Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for December 2022 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for Year 2022. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Buffo presented the following disbursements for payment on February 15, 2023:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$557,419.30
Insurance Fund	126,147.07
Utility Fund	256,341.39

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Landfill Fund	26.00
Airport Fund	135,481.98
TIF Funds	<u>32,139.56</u>
Total	\$1,107,555.30

Alderman Buffo made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Alderman made a motion to approve airport liability insurance renewal quote of \$13,325.00 (3-year fixed premium) from Ace Property and Casualty Insurance Company through Dimond Bros Insurance. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley reported this project was completed by our in-house corporate counsel and acknowledged the benefit of having a professional in house evaluating the liability and evaluating our code. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve \$125,000 contribution to the TBM Avenger Salute to Veterans event. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Alderman Buffo made a motion to authorize execution of engagement letter with Hopkins and Associates to perform the Firefighters Pension Fund audit in the amount of \$4,000. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Alderman Buffo made a motion to authorize execution of engagement letter with Hopkins and Associates to perform the Police Pension Fund audit in the amount of \$5,000. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

Alderman Buffo made a motion to approve purchase of 2022 Dodge Ram Big Horn Crew Cab 4X4 from Coronet Dodge in the amount of \$57,620.00 (Fire Department). Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of February 1, 2023 Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Abby And Ryan Schenck concerning property located at 2104 9th Street, Peru, Illinois. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concurred with the recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 6725

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF ABBY AND RYAN SCHENCK CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2104 9TH STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of February 1, 2023 Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of City of Peru for Zoning Ordinance text amendment. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concurred with the recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6726

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF PERU ZONING ORDINANCE CREATING A SPECIAL USE FOR “VIDEO GAMING CAFÉ” IN B-1 NEIGHBORHOOD SHOPPING DISTRICTS, B-2 COMMUNITY SHOPPING DISTRICTS, B-3 CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICTS, AND B-4 HIGHWAY BUSINESS DISTRICTS AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS.

Alderman Buffo made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Mayor Kolowski stated one of the goals of limiting the locations of gaming cafes is to save valuable retail space. Mayor Kolowski stated this gives a little more control about where these cafes can pop up. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of February 1, 2023 Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of LKJ Properties Peru, LLC, and Maitri Path to Wellness, PLLC concerning property located at 710 Peoria Street, Peru, Illinois. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concurred with the recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6727

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6654 AND GRANTING OTHER RELIEF AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF LKJ PROPERTIES PERU, LLC, AND MAITRI PATH TO WELLNESS, PLLC, CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 710 PEORIA STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS.

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

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6728

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CEDING OF 2023 PRIVATE ACTIVITY BONDING AUTHORITY

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6729

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS REVENUE IN THE PERU DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THAT SURPLUS REVENUE TO THE LASALLE COUNTY TREASURER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED TAXING DISTRICTS ON PRO-RATA BASIS FOR TAX YEAR 2021 PAYABLE 2022

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to hire selected candidate for the position of Public Works Laborer. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Aldermen Waldorf and Lukosus commented on not knowing the name of selected candidate. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Roelif Loveland requesting permission to close Water Street from Plain Street to Pine Street on Saturday, June 17th from 12pm to 8pm for their 175 Year Anniversary. Alderman Tieman made a motion to receive the petition, place it on file and grant permission. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Diamond Truck Wash requesting variances for property located at 3129 May Road. Alderman Tieman made a motion to receive the petition, place it on file and refer to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

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MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reported there are no new updates regarding the hospital and still working with our legislators.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Tieman made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:33 p.m.; ended at 8:17 p.m.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Waldorf, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Buffo present; Alderman Payton absent; Mayor Kolowski present.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Waldorf made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.