

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 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, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Peru BB Gun co-directors Bob Szczepaniak and Gary Olson addressed the council and gave highlights, recognized the kids, parents and volunteers for their hard work. Peru BB Gun club was recognized for winning in a match against Oglesby. The team was presented their trophy and was congratulated on their win. Mayor Kolowski stated he has watched the team practice and is excited about the achievement. Mayor Kolowski stated it's more than just about shooting a BB gun, it's fun to watch, the teamwork, the discipline, the sportsmanship. Gary Olson announce and Bob Szczepaniak was retiring from the program and thank him for his service. Bob Szczepaniak complimented the program; thanked his fellow and past BB Gun directors; and announce the renaming of the trophy to recognize the person who started the first club in the area, Rudy Gandolfi, of Oglesby.

Peru Police Chief Sarah Raymond and Community Service Officer Blake Frund announced the launch of the Offender Watch program, a new website for residents and officers to track sex offenders in the area. Police Chief Raymond reported the program is the nation's leading sex offender management and community notification tool with dozens of states and hundreds of agencies utilizing it, according to its website. Police Chief Raymond stated the service is free and confidential. Police Chief Raymond stated the idea to bring the Offender Watch program to Peru was created and researched by Community Service Officer Frund. Police Chief Raymond said it's a great program for the community, both for officers and residents. Police Chief Raymond stated the Offender Watch website is updated multiple times daily with new information. Residents can enter any address in La Salle County and see updated information on any Peru offenders within a radius of the entered address. Police Chief Raymond stated that because offenders move frequently, the best way to stay informed is to use the email alert system. Residents can register unlimited addresses and the system will send an email if an offender moves within the radius of a saved address. Police Chief Raymond stated the site only tracks Peru sex offenders located throughout the county. CSO Frund stated not all cities are signed up for the program, so not all offenders registered with other police departments will appear in the search.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of February 27, 2023 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for January 2023. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on March 15, 2023:

| <u>FUND NAME</u> | <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> |
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| General Fund | \$404,567.19 |

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| Insurance Fund | 137,499.97 |
| Utility Fund | 386,685.18 |
| Airport Fund | <u>2,718.44</u> |
| Total | \$931,470.78 |

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

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve \$250,000 partial reinvestment into Wells Fargo Bank, CD at 5.25% for 1 year (Utility Fund). \$400,000 matured 1/30/23. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve \$435,799.13 reinvestment into LaSalle State Bank CD at 4.2% for 1 year with no penalty for early withdrawal. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve an Electric System Study with BHMG in the amount of \$101,920.00. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to purchase new ODB Xtreme Vac DCL1000SE debris collector mounted on a Freightliner M2 chassis (Leaf Vac Truck) from Standard Equipment in the amount of \$304,269.69. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Council tabled-Motion to execute lease agreement with Standard Equipment for new Vector 2100i Sewer Cleaner mounted on a 2024 Freightliner 114SD chassis in the amount of \$93,913.27 per year for 5 years for total of \$538,951.88 (with \$140,000 trade in of old vac truck)

Council tabled-Motion to execute Maintenance Agreement with Standard Equipment for new Vector 2100i Sewer Cleaner mounted on a 2024 Freightliner 114SD chassis in the amount of \$95,000.00

POLICE AND FIRE COMMITTEE

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on a family visiting Grand Bear resort in Utica was routed to St. Margarets Health (formally IVCH) with a child in distress and they pulled up to an empty, closed hospital. PSM/Fire Chief King stated the family crossed the street to the Fire Department and Engineer Bill Krolak treated the child, and the child was transported by ambulance to St. Margaret's Health in Spring Valley.

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REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6731

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR THE INSTALLATION AND MAINTENANCE OF STORM SEWER FACILITIES, AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM MADISON MEDICAL PARTNERS LLC

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6732

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES AS IT RELATES TO PROHIBITED PARKING

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6733

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS (Lot 2 of Master-View Park Subdivision – Bureau County PIN 18-13-400-003)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6734

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE DISPOSITION OF CERTAIN COAL AND MINERAL INTERESTS TO BUILDING MATERIALS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION

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 Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6735

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN ANNEXATION AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND FRANK P. TAYLOR III AND TERRI TAYLOR

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 Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of March 8, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission Hearing on Petition of Frank P. Taylor III and Terri Taylor concerning property located at 11 US Route 6, LaSalle County, IL. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6736

AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN TERRITORY TO THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS, AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF FRANK P. TAYLOR, III AND TERRI TAYLOR

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 Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6737

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING REZONING AND A VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF FRANK P. TAYLOR III AND TERRI TAYLOR CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 11 U.S. ROUTE 6 IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS

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 Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of March 8, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Lakhwinder Singh d/b/a Diamond Truck Wash concerning property located at 3129 May Road, Peru, IL. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6738

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING WAIVERS AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF LAKHWINDER SINGH d/b/a DIAMOND TRUCK WASH CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3129 MAY ROAD IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS

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 Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-03

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF 1410 8th STREET, PERU, ILLINOIS

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

Alderman Payton made a motion to formally reject all bids/proposals received in response to request for bids/proposals for 1721 Water Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to accept resignation of Tom Atkinson from the City of Peru Planning/Zoning Commission. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion of approve appointment of Floyd Jones to the City of Peru Planning/Zoning Commission for the unexpired term ending May 1, 2026. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to seek applicants for the Relay Technician within the Electric Department. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Chris Elberg of Illinois Valley Animal Rescue requesting permission to hold the annual Pet Fest at Baker Lake on Saturday, September 9, 2023. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a petition Donna Ristau seeking variances and waivers for property located at

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2419 4th Stret. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Department for review and recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from George Gonzalez seeking variances and waivers for property located at 1816 1st Street/1815 Main Street. Alderman Waldorf made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Police Chief Sarah Raymond spoke on behalf of the passing former Police Chief Glenn Fredrickson at 95 years old.

Mayor Kolowski reported efforts of the St. Margaret's Health (Peru) hospital are ongoing.

Alderman Tieman reminded the council of the Lighted Way spaghetti dinner next Monday and offered to bring meals to the Council.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Payton made a motion to go into closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Waldorf, Sapienza and Lukosus voting aye; Aldermen Ballard and Buffo absent; motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:46 p.m.; ended at 8:04 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:04 p.m.