

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 24, 2023-2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, April 24, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno present; Mayor Kolowski present.

**PRESENTATION**

American Legion Post 375 Commander Dennis J. Znaniecki announced The Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall will be in Veterans Memorial Park from Aug. 24 to Aug. 28. Mayor Kolowski stated he was “stunned” the city was able to attract it, especially on the 50th anniversary of the Peru Veterans Memorial Group. Mayor Kolowski stated “This is just exciting, it’s about the veterans and the people who have served, the people who have given so much. It’s going to be a nice addition and people are going to come to our community. Mayor Kolowski stated it will showcase not only Peru but the entire Illinois Valley. Commander Znaniecki stated along with the Vietnam Traveling Memorial wall, residents will have the opportunity to view a replica of the Middle East Conflicts Wall in Marseilles, and the 9/11 first responder’s wall. Commander Znaniecki stated he had a few members who were traveling on honor flights to visit The Wall and they thought it was a shame more people didn’t get to see it. Commander Znaniecki stated memorial could bring anywhere from 2,000 to 10,000 people to the area. Commander Znaniecki stated the American Legion will have a donation bucket in front of The Wall to go to the Illinois Veterans Home in La Salle, in an effort to raise money to purchase a new van to transport residents. Commander Znaniecki stated that in 2020 the Peru American Legion and VFW planned to buy a van for the veteran’s home to transport veterans to Hines VA and other hospitals, but it was put on hold when the pandemic hit and a bid has been issued for a new van. Commander Znaniecki stated in preparation for The Wall, the legion is looking for sponsors and volunteers, as it takes 20 people to put up the wall and take it down. Commander Znaniecki stated bringing The Wall to Peru is about honoring all of the veterans who came before him and gave him the opportunity to serve. Commander Znaniecki stated “I really don’t think the younger generations know what happened in Vietnam, how horrible these guys were treated when they came back, so any chance I get to help a veteran, that’s it.

**FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Peru Police Department Monthly Report for March 2023. Alderman Payton made a motion that the report be received and placed on file. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion; motion carried.

**FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on April 26, 2023:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$414,201.40
29-33 TIF Funds	8,353.00
Utility Fund	2,025,600.96
Landfill Fund	516.00
Airport Fund	<u>3,764.46</u>
Total	\$2,452,435.82

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Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the report 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 Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve \$235,000 Utility Reinvestment for Operating Reserve in into UMB Bank NA Kansas City at 5% for 1 year. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve \$500 donation to Better Fishing Association of Northern Illinois (BFA) to support the annual Kid's Fishing Rodeo at Baker Lake on May 13, 2023. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve bid for 20 - 60', 10 - 70', and 9 - 75' poles from Brown Wood Preserving Co. for \$79,686.10 for storm repairs. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve purchase of towable diesel air compressor from United Rentals for \$17,000.00 to replace the 1979 unit. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to receive and place on file the City of Peru Water and Sewer Acreage and Impact Fee report effective May 1, 2023. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve Memo of Agreement with IUOE Local 150. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye; Alderman Moreno abstaining; motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve Memo of Agreement with IBEW Local 51. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

### FIRE AND POLICE COMMITTEE

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve engine repairs to Squad 325 from Cummins Sales & Service for a cost not to exceed \$33,693.49. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve Memo of Agreement with FOP Labor Council, Lodge No. 137. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye; Alderman Moreno voting present; motion carried.

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Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve Memo of Agreement with the Peru Professional Firefighters IAFF Local 4751. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick and Lukosus voting aye; Alderman Moreno voting present; motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition Ryan S. Jeppson and Kayla M. Jeppson D/B/A Stigma Tattoo Studio LLC concerning property located at 1824 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6742**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.04(d) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, AND GRANTING A SPECIAL USE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF RYAN S. JEPSON AND KAYLA M. JEPSON d/b/a STIGMA TATTOO STUDIO LLC CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1824 4TH STREET, IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of Donna Ristau concerning property located at 2419 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6743**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AND WAIVER AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF DONNA RISTAU CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2419 4TH STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS.**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the April 12, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of Greg and Dawn Coble concerning property located at 2328 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6744**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF GREG AND DAWN COBLE CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2328 10TH STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS**

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Alderman Edgcomb asked for additional information regarding the hearing. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert not the encroachment. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6745**

**AN ORDINANCE VACATING THE ALLEY LOCATED IN BLOCK 5 OF TILDEN'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PERU**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the April 19, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of Francisco Sandoval D/B/A Pita Rey Estates, LLC, concerning property located at 4 Center Place, Peru, IL. Alderman Ballard made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion; motion carried.

Mayor Kolowski asked the council to table the ordinance entitled: "**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF FRANCISCO SANDOVAL d/b/a PITA REY ESTATES LLC CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 4 CENTER PLACE, PERU, ILLINOIS**". Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to table the motion. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6746**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE UNDER THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, IL, AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JOHN & CARMA KOWALCZYK CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 527 18th STREET, PERU, IL**

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

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6747**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM KIMBERLY A. JALLEY (4 11<sup>th</sup> Street – PIN#: 17-16-236-006)**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6748**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM FRANCISCO SANDOVAL (121 11<sup>th</sup> Street – PIN#: 17-16-228-009)**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6749**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM BEAU E. SKERSTON (9 11<sup>th</sup> Street – PIN#: 17-16-229-011)**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6750**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM ROBERT TIEMAN AND MAELEE TIEMAN (10 11<sup>th</sup> Street – PIN#: 17-16-236-005)**

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Aldermen Tieman and O'Sadnick abstaining; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6751**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF AN EASEMENT FROM KAREN M. URBANC (113 11<sup>th</sup> Street – PIN#: 17-16-228-010)**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-05**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL WATER SUPPLY AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND THE VILLAGE OF DALZELL**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6752**

**AN ORDINANCE FIXING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS COMMENCING MAY 1, 2023 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6753**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6537 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE FIXING WAGES FOR FULL-TIME, SWORN POLICE DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS COMMENCING MAY 1, 2021 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2024"**

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

Mayor Kolowski recognized Human Resource Director Kim Reese for the great job and multiple hours preparing the wage ordinance and Memorandum of Agreements.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Kolowski presented a proclamation proclaiming May 2023 as A.B.A.T.E . Motorcycle Awareness Month. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the proclamation be received and placed on file. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion; motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve selected candidate for the position of Maintenance Mechanic, Computer Relay Technician within the Electric Department. Alderman Payton seconded the

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motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve selected candidate for the position of Utility Billing Clerk for City Clerk's Office. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

### NEW BUSINESS

### PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Christopher Gliatta seeking special use at 2127 4th Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Kelsey Vogel seeking variances for the property located at 1602 Walnut St. Alderman Tieman made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Starved Rock Runners requesting permission to hold the annual Kids Running Clinic at Baker Lake on Mondays from June 12th-August 14th from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (use of east shelter). 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 communication from Dominic Ponsetti requesting permission to reserve the bandshell at Centennial Park on Saturday, June 24th for a Christian music for local churches. (Set up at 2pm and begin at 5pm) Event would possibly include 100 people. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

### MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reported on a transformer failure that caused a power outage for 5 homes on April 15<sup>th</sup>. The Mayor commended Electric Department Linemen Ethan Brandner and Brent Martin for quickly responding to the outage. He explained there was a major storm approaching and they didn't wait for the storm to pass but responded immediately.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### CLOSED SESSION

### ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.