

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JUNE 19, 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, June 19, 2023, at 7:00 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.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident Roger Clark voiced his opposition to daily rentals and enforcement. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert replied with the following:

- Annual inspection required
- License application fee
- Certified mailing to all residents within 200ft of proposed rental
- Appear before Planning/Zoning Commission
- Special use must be granted
- Clearly visible yard sign

**PRESENTATION**

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of June 5, 2023 and the Peru Police Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2023. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion; motion carried.

**FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on June 21, 2023:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$1,152,120.79
Utility Fund	1,983,485.32
Airport Fund	<u>4,880.14</u>
Total	\$3,140,486.14

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. 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.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve Memo of Agreement with IBEW Local 51. 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.

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Alderman Payton made a motion to approve quote from The Cincinnati Insurance Company though Dimond Bros Insurance for the city's Boiler and Machinery coverage in the amount of \$120,843.00 and noted a 6% increase. 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 invoice from Illinois Valley Area Chamber of Commerce (IVAC) in the amount of \$3,000.00 (annual membership). Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Mayor Kolowski stated the membership is a good investment for the city, especially now. Mayor Kolowski complimented IVAC Executive Director Bill Zens for his outstanding efforts regarding the hospital situation 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 invoice from NCICG in the amount of \$2,968.80 (annual membership). 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.

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell reported the auditors were here and performed their preliminary tests and will be back mid July.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve change order for squad 325. Original estimate \$33,693.49, change order for cracked block, new amount is \$45,289.06. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Alderman Ballard noted that it was good that the crack block was identified and we will now have a two year warranty. 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 a proposal from P&D sign for a new sign above the scoreboard at Washington Park in the amount of \$12,000.00 (JA Happ field naming). Adam Thorson stated there will be an end-of-season ceremony for Peru Little League Baseball and Softball on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 2pm and honor the outstanding career of J.A. Happ. Alderman Edgcomb suggested having a cookout for the kids. Mr. Thorson stated he would reach out for food donations. 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.

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Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning initiated a discussion regarding sanitary sewer extension (as part of the annexation agreement) to the Illinois Valley Auto Group. Mr. Carls stated the city will extend a main from Tim Perra Drive to the Illinois Valley Auto Group. Mr. Carls noted that as part of the IEPA permit application form, the city has to identify that the project with not have any private or special funding involved. Mr. Carls stated the project with be done with all local funds. Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve the discussion. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

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Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve the lease and maintenance contract Standard Equipment. The maintenance agreement is \$95,000.00. The lease is not to exceed \$398,951.88 (included trade in). Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the execution of an agreement with Ferguson Enterprises, LLC for cloud-based water meter installation software. Fees based on the number of meters installed, \$15.00 per meter plus \$750.00 for on-site training. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Alderman Payton absent; motion carried.

Discuss cost of service / rate design study with BHMG in the amount of \$37,700.00 and referred for approval at the next Regular meeting.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the June 7, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of David G. Mudge concerning property located at 1909 West Street, Peru, Illinois. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6773**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF DAVID G. MUDGE CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1909 WEST STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6774**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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**ORDINANCE NO. 6775**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A TEXT AMENDMENT TO THE CITY OF PERU ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO SPECIAL USES FOR BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS AND SHORT-TERM RENTALS IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS**

Alderman Moreno 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, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Payton absent; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6776**

**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 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, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Payton absent; motion carried.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert initiated a discussion regarding the Peru Downtown TIF Commercial Renovation Program – Review of applications and discussion of maximum grant funds recommended for approval. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert asked if the city wants to approve fences and paving repairs. Alderman Tieman recommended they be included and all agreed. Corporate Counsel noted only about half of the funds have been requested so there's still time to apply.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion seeking candidates for the position of Electric Operations Manager. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; Payton absent; motion carried.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Angela Edgcomb requesting permission to close Wynnewood Lane, between Luther Drive and Sunset Drive on Saturday, July 1st from 10am-10pm for a block party. Alderman Moreno 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 Riverfront Bar & Grill, 1420 Water St., requesting a 1-

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hour extension of “Day Hours” and the 65dBA sound limit applicable thereto for outdoor music for July 3rd, 2023. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman O’Sadnick seconded the motion; motion carried.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Matt Becker of Stone Jug Barbeque requesting permission to close Schuyler Street between 4<sup>th</sup> Street and 3<sup>rd</sup> Street for their annual Shrimp Boil on July 9<sup>th</sup> and live music from noon-7pm. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman O’Sadnick seconded the motion; motion carried.

### MAYOR’S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski acknowledged the Juneteenth holiday.

Mayor Kolowski reported on Maze Lumber’s 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary had a great turnout.

Mayor Kolowski thanked Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director Adam Thorson and Human Resources Assistant Crystal Smith regarding the city-wide garage sale event.

Mayor Kolowski reminded the council of the carnival hosted by North American Midway Entertainment will be located at the northeast corner of the Peru Mall from June 28-July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mayor Kolowski noted the next regular meeting will be Wednesday, July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Adam Thorson, Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director reported on the following upcoming Music Under the Oaks events:

- June 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Stranger Z
  - Flo’s will be selling food.
  - Heartland Bank will have popcorn
- June 30<sup>th</sup>
  - Steve Sharp Band
  - Girl Scouts will be selling food.

Mayor Kolowski reminded the council this will be the last year for Water Street fireworks.

Mayor Kolowski noted the Quik Trip grand opening and the awesome slushy wall.

Mayor Kolowski noted the First Responder night at the Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp game on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Kolowski reported the city, fire and police are working together to respond to the hospital closing. PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reminded all to be respectful to true emergencies as resources are limited. Mayor Kolowski noted better days are ahead.

Adam Thorson, Parks, Recreation and Special Events Director reported the 50/50 total to date is \$2,747 and has secured \$16,000 in sponsorships.

Mayor Kolowski reported on a communication received from a resident, Tom McClintock, thanking the dedicated electric department workers who were called out on Father’s Day.

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CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.