

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 31, 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, July 31, 2023, at 7:05 p.m.

Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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**

**PRESENTATION**

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of July 17, 2023, Treasurer’s Report for May 2023, Building Permits-Second Quarter Report 2023 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for June 2023. Alderman Payton 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 Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on August 2, 2023:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$721,835.86
Insurance Fund	244,418.32
Garbage Fund	75,808.95
TIF Funds	1,370,490.34
Utility Fund	2,115,200.81
Landfill Fund	16,295.78
Airport Fund	<u>472.89</u>
Total	\$2,457,342.89

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. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Payton stated he is working on investment strategies with Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell and will report on feedback at next finance meeting.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported on the need for part-time civilian evidence custodian position for the police department. Chief Raymond stated the department utilizes 4-5 staff members (taken off the

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street) to take receipt of all recovered evidence, property and contraband coming into the custody of the Police Department and noted the volume of time sensitive evidence will only increase when body cameras go live. Chief Raymond requested to hire a candidate to work 30 hours per week, provide health insurance but no other benefits. Chief Raymond stated with the large fleet of vehicles, the potential candidate would also assist the vehicle maintenance officer and other programs as well. Chief Raymond stated the potential candidate would also become FOIA certified. Mayor Kolowski asked if the position would eventually become full-time and what the qualifications would be. Chief Raymond stated no, the position would be part-time and likely be a retired officer. Alderman Payton asked to further discuss at the committee level. Alderman Edgcomb stated county deputies have body worn cameras and their FOIA request are very tedious.

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Ballard made a motion to execute an engineering service agreement with Chamlin and Associates for the 251 Pedestrian Bridge (ITEP project). Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the city was awarded a \$3 million grant through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program Grant. Mr. Carls reported shared use path will begin at N. Peoria Street and connect to the existing path installed as part of the N. Peoria Street widening project. From N. Peoria the path will extend east, just north of Hyvee, and pass between Pizza Hut and the bank, where it will cross over Rte. 251 via a pedestrian bridge. On the east side of 251 the path will continue east, just north of Liberty Village, then turn north along the Becker Drive right-of-way (extended) to Wenzel Road. At Wenzel Road the path will continue east and connect into the new shared use path constructed as part of the Pohar's Crossing subdivision. Mr. Carls stated his office is very excited about the project and proud of his staff for their efforts. Alderman Ballard congratulated Mr. Carls and his department. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve a quote from Compumation in the amount of \$27,260.00 for installation and programming of headwater level sensors at the Hydro Plant. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve a quote from Mertel Gravel in the amount of \$15,000.00 for barge and crane rental to deliver and unload parts for the Hydro Plant. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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 a quote from Revere Electric Supply Co. in the amount of \$12,132.43 for street line wire. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to award bid for the West WWTP UV Disinfection Replacement Project, to the lowest bidder, Leander Construction in the amount of \$400,000.00. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Chris Perra, President of T.E.S.T. reported the replacement is due to the aging of the existing system and difficulty to get replacement parts. Mr. Perra reported this location treats on million gallons of water per day and more with expansion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

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REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the Planning/Zoning Commission minutes of July 26, 2023 on the petition of Joe Zhou d/b/a PWJZ Enterprises concerning property commonly known as 1519 Water Street, Peru, Illinois. Alderman Sapienza 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. 6783**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JOE ZHOU d/b/a PWJZ ENTERPRISES LLC CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1519 WATER STREET, PERU, ILLINOIS**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Alderman Edgcomb asked Police Chief Sarah Raymond if there have been any past issues with renting at this property. Chief Raymond stated no. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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 Planning/Zoning Commission minutes of July 26, 2023 on the petition of John and Jane Riva concerning real estate generally located north of Shooting Park Road and east of Dalzell Road a/k/a Meridian Road, Peru, Illinois. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6784**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE FINAL PLAT OF RIVA'S THIRD SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF PERU, A TEXT AMENDMENT TO SECTION 11.05(d) OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE, REZONING, SPECIAL USES, AND WAIVERS AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JOHN RIVA AND JANE RIVA**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 2023-12**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

Alderman Moreno made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the city is constructing a new roadway, Master Builder Way, and resurface and existing roadway, Industrial Drive Boulevard to serve the newly constructed GAF manufacturing facility. Mr. Carls stated the project will cost \$4.2

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million with the city receiving \$1.5 million (matching funds) of EDP funding provided through IDOT. Mr. Carls commended Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert on his efforts in securing the matching funds agreement. Mr. Carls reported bid opening for the project is August 7<sup>th</sup> and hopes to have construction completed by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 6785**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6752, ENTITLED: "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 Moreno seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 2023-13**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING VACATION TIME AND OTHER INCENTIVES FOR THE NEWLY-HIRED CITY OF PERU ELECTRIC OPERATIONS MANANGER**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 6786**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND ACCEPTANCE OF AN UTILITY EASEMENT (Lot 3 of Master-View Park Subdivision – PIN# 11-31-305-001)**

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 6787**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF FIRST AMENDMENT TO OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE AND PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY DATED JUNE 23, 2022, BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, AN ILLINOIS HOME-RULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND BUILDING MATERIALS MANUFACTURING CORPORATION, A DELAWARE CORPORATION (Lot 3 of Master-View Park Subdivision – PIN# 11-31-305-001)**

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Alderman Lukosus made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 2023-14**

**A RESOLUTION RATIFYING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF OTTAWA FOR APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATION SERVICES RELATED TO THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – CORONAVIRUS BUSINESS RESILIENCY PROGRAM**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 6788**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AMENDED INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT ENTERED INTO BY THE CITY OF LA SALLE, THE CITY OF MENDOTA, THE CITY OF OGLESBY, AND THE CITY OF PERU FOR THE CONTINUATION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE VENTURE KNOWN AS THE "ILLINOIS VALLEY REGIONAL DISPATCH" FOR THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A COMBINED DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SYSTEM**

Alderman Tieman made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 2023-15**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF PERMIT APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ITEP Section 23-0072-00BT Project – IL RT 251 Hollow Stem Auger Borings)**

Alderman Payton made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported soil borings are required to design the pedestrian bridge and boring will be done on both sides of Rt. 251 and in median. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia 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. 6789**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE LAND LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND JMX HELICOPTERS, LLC.**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the SRTS (Safe Routes to School) project should begin soon. Mr. Carls reported contracts have been signed and preconstruction meeting is scheduled for August 8<sup>th</sup>. *(City of Peru was awarded a grant from the Illinois Department of Transportation in the amount of \$97,687 to replace sidewalk along Shooting Park Road at the west school entrance at Parkside Middle School across Cedar Lane and going to the corner of Sycamore Street.)*

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the Rt. 6 project should go out to bid by the end of August with an early fall start date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported on an emergency repair to fix heaving pavement located on May Road and will cost \$28,000 to repair. Mr. Carls stated the city has an open contract with Universal Asphalt & Excavating and can request a change order to accommodate the repair.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

**MAYOR'S NOTES**

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the J.A. Happ sign dedication at Washington Park was a fantastic event. Mr. Thorson stated the Happ the event was well attended. Mr. Thorson thanked Hy-Vee and Country Kids Produce for the refreshments. Alderman Edgcomb commended Mr. Thorson for his efforts during the wind storm and inquired about the insurance claim.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the following regarding the upcoming Taste of the Illinois Valley event this week:

- 5pm start time on Thursday and Friday; 12pm start time on Saturday
- Sponsorship total of \$26,850
- 50/50 raffle is over \$4,000
- 13 food vendors over the 3 days

Alderman Tieman reported the Kids Fun Zone is free due to the sponsorship funds and 50/50. Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported parking restrictions are ready to go.

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Mayor Kolowski stated the Central States Tournament was a real success. Mayor Kolowski stated families stated they loved the town and fields.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the Sunset Park project equipment will ship August 16<sup>th</sup> with a completion date of early October.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King stated employees will receive training on the new vactor truck on Tuesday and the old vactor truck was sold to Illinois Valley Excavating for \$186,000.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King stated due to circumstances beyond our control, the city will not receive the leaf truck until December. PSM/Fire Chief King reported the company will send us a demo unit.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King stated the metering van is being equipped and marked.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to go into closed session to discuss litigation “when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which the case for basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting”. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:45 pm and ended at 8:05 p.m.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno present; Mayor Kolowski present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.