

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 13, 2025

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mayor Kolowski apologized for the rescheduled meeting.

PRESENTATION

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of February 24, 2025, City Clerk's Report of Cash Received for January 2025, and Peru Police Department Report for February 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on March 12, 2025:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$619,465.72
Insurance Fund	168,628.75
Garbage Fund	78,608.32
TIF Funds	666,945.73
Utility Fund	<u>970,077.45</u>
Total	\$2,503,725.967

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

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve \$4,000 contribution to the Peru Girls Softball League. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported on the consolidation of the LaSalle, Peru, and Oglesby teams and will provide an update on what the other towns are contributing at the league. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

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Police Chief Sarah Raymond addressed the council regarding security and parking at the TBM Avenger & Salute to Veterans event. Chief Raymond suggested parking should be done by volunteers. Alderman Lukosus asked for time to work with the committee.

Alderman O’Sadnick reported the pool committee has been meeting once a week to continue to gather information along with working with Kmetz Architect and Director of Engineering and Zoning Eric Carls. Alderman O’Sadnick reported they are working toward the goal of having open meetings with findings. Alderman Moreno further asserted the meetings have been productive but not complete.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve an engineering service agreement with GZA GeoEnvironmental, Inc. not to exceed \$19,500, to assist with testing and studies for Landfill #2. 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 Sapienza made a motion to approve contract extension #2 with Specialty Landscaping for the 2025-2027 Landscape Maintenance service in the amount of \$41,374.00 annually. 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 a time and material proposal with Illinois Valley Excavating for tree clearing as part of the Area 2 Phase 1 sewer separation project. 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.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on the following spring services:

- Chipper Service begins April 7th
- Appliance pickup will be March 31st-April 4th
- Hydrant Flushing will be conducted March 31st-April 11th

Electric Operations Manager, Kevin Minnick, reported all 7 CAT generators are back online and two hydro units online.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6925

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN SURPLUS PERSON PROPERTY

Alderman Payton 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, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6926

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AN ORDINANCE GRANTING AN ADMINISTRATIVE VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF ANNE DOOLEY CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 720 7TH STREET, 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, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6927

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS REVENUE IN THE PERU DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THAT SURPLUS REVENUE TO THE LASALLE COUNTY TREASURER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED TAXING DISTRICTS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS FOR TAX YEAR 2023 PAYABLE 2024

Alderman Tieman 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. 6928

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS REVENUE IN THE PERU MVP TIF DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THAT SURPLUS REVENUE TO THE BUREAU COUNTY TREASURER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED TAXING DISTRICTS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS FOR TAX YEAR 2023 PAYABLE 2024

Alderman Lukosus 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.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from Sharon Glynn requesting variance and special use for property located at 504 Pike Street. Alderman O'Sadnick 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.

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from St. Bede Academy requesting permission to hold daily practices and home matches at the Washington Park tennis courts (1st home match April 2nd). Alderman

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Edgcomb made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski wished the council an early Happy St. Patrick's Day.

Mayor Kolowski thanked all the retailers for breaking a record \$75.4 million in sales.

Alderman Tieman congratulated Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert on being recognized as a Illinois Valley Chamber of Commerce's 40 Under 40 recipient.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Ba seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14 p.m.