

## CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 24, 2025

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 24, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno present. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Mayor Kolowski present.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

### PRESENTATION

Mayor Kolowski recognized Human Resources Director Kim Reese on 25 years of service to the City of Peru.

Bill Krolak and Joe Michael of the Peru BB Gun Club along with this year's children were in attendance to receive the regional trophy in their third win in a row against Oglesby. Mr. Krolak thanked the city and volunteers for another successful year and look forward to the next season.

Cinematographer Matthew Klein showcased the first of two videos during the presentation portion of the meeting, saying a year ago the council tasked him with capturing TBM event story. Mr. Klein stated this air show is different from many other air shows, it's not as commercialized and how you guys pair it with the memorial aspect.

Mr. Klein said there are three main aspects of the project; the first a video that captures the whole reunion – with still photography around the video. The second a piece on Brad and Jane Deckert, the T83 caretakers and the reason the event was started. The final portion of the project will dive deeper into the event by taking a deeper dive into the event; interviewing people, caretakers and veterans from around the country.

Alderman Lukosus stated the videos were fantastic and captured the essence of what they had been trying to convey to the public with the air show.

Alderman Lukosus noted this is the 10th anniversary and we are really looking forward to this year. Alderman Lukosus hope this year have the most TBM's we have ever had.

Alderman Tom Payton agreed, saying that the videos give a look at what the show is all about.

Mayor Kolowski, Aldermen Lukosus, Payton, Treasurer Jackson Powell thanked and congratulated and promoted the 2025 event.

### MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of March 11, 2025, Treasurer's Report for February 2025, City Clerk's Report of Cash Received for February 2025, and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for December 2024 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for 2024. 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 26, 2025:

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<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$407,429.48
Utility Fund	2,170,839.66
Landfill Fund	8,939.14
Airport Fund	<u>4,013.88</u>
Total	\$2,591,221.16

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 Payton made a motion to approve \$4,000 contribution to the Peru Boys Little League. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events noted that 60% of the kids, of the newly consolidated league (LaSalle, Peru and Oglesby), are Peru kids. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman O’Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King spoke on the challenges of the fire at 901 Water Street and thanked the Electric Department and Ameren for their efforts.

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Alderman Moreno made motion to approve quote from Gasvoda for the RAS pump at the West Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$38,379.00. 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 made a motion to award the Area 2 Phase 1 Sewer Separation Project to Ski Sealcoating & Maintenance in the amount of \$2,135,533.88. Alderman Lukosus 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.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning outlined the Area 2 Phase I project:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Street from Chambers to Peru Street
- Received 3 bids
- Engineer’s Estimate was \$2.400,000
- Low bidder will be closely monitored
- Letters will go out to impacted residents

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

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the March 19, 2025, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of Ryan Chambers concerning property located at 2404 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru. 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. 6929**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF RYAN CHAMBERS CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1615 6th STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU**

Alderman Sapienza 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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the March 19, 2025, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of Peru GKD Partners, LLC concerning property generally located at 3940 IL Route 251, Peru. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6930**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A NEW POWER SALES CONTRACT AND A NEW CAPACITY PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC AGENCY FOR THE DELIVERY PERIOD COMMENCING OCTOBER 1, 2035**

Alderman Lukosus 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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Special Counsel Herb Klein presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6931**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT AND ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION OF PERU MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL NEXUS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, LA SALLE & BUREAU COUNTIES, ILLINOIS AND JACOB & KLEIN, LTD. AND THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LTD.**

Alderman Lukosus 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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

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Special Counsel Herb Klein presented a proposed resolution entitled:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-04**

**INDUCEMENT RESOLUTION FOR THE PROPOSED PERU MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL NEXUS TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. 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.

Special Counsel Herb Klein reported on the Eakas letter included in the resolution which outlines a potential \$50 million dollar project along with 80 potential full-time jobs.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning noted the competitive environment and the need to provide economic incentives.

Treasurer Jackson Powell asked about micro TIF. Special Counsel Herb Klein reported the following:

- Minimum size of 1.5 acres
- Plan will be provided and discussed with Council
- Targeted approach

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mayor Kolowski presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2025 as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Alderman Payton made a motion the proclamation be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from Rita Studzinski of the River Valley Chapter of the Compassionate Friends requesting permission to hold the annual Walk to Remember event at Baker Lake on Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Alderman Ballard made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR’S NOTES**

Alderman Sapienza reported the Peru Historical Society meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the Peru Municipal Building and that they are looking for display cases.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CLOSED SESSION**

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ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Moreno made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.