

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 19, 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, May 19, 2025, at 7:03 P.M.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**PRESENTATION**

Police Chief introduced newly hired patrolman Ofc. Manny Winfert and reported that Ofc. Winfert began his career with the DePue Police Department before joining the Peru Police Department. Chief Raymond then conducted the swearing-in of Ofc. Winfert.

Mayor Kolowski presented Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick with the IMEA System Achievement Award. Mayor Kolowski stated that each year the IMEA (Illinois Municipal Electric Agency) gives out a system achievement award recognizing members who have improved their energy systems, demonstrated initiative in economic development and energy efficiency programs, overall system operation, maintenance, improvement and reliability, ongoing workplace safety efforts, displaying civic and community involvement and supporting the spirit of the public power business model. Mayor Kolowski reported the City of Peru was recognized for the following improvements:

- Overhauling the turbines on several of the hydro units which ensures these units continue to run for many years to come
- Upgrading our switch gears at the cat plants for a total of 7 generators to be available for MISO dispatch
- Bringing back Unit #6 as dedicated capacity to be available to meet grown demand

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of May 5, 2025, Peru Police Department Monthly Report for April 2025, Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for January 2025, Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for February 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

**FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on May 21, 2025:

| <b><u>FUND NAME</u></b> | <b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund            | \$760,835.99                 |
| Utility Fund            | 2,373,985.41                 |
| Airport Fund            | <u>47,177.50</u>             |
| Total                   | \$3,181,998.90               |

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 Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard,

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

### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve quote from Ladd Farm Mart for purchase of RTV in the amount of \$11,626.83. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve quote from J&M Displays in the amount of \$15,000 for the TBM Avengers & Salute to Veteran's airshow. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve quote from Ladzinski Cement Finishing, in the amount of \$17,932.00 for concrete work at Veteran's Park. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve annual field maintenance proposal from Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of \$11,675.56 and \$7,133.78 for all 2025 sports diamonds/fields. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion to approve order for playground/exercise equipment (OSLAD Grant-Washington Park), from Gametime c/o Cunningham Recreation in the amount of \$266,001.75. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve purchase of two 2025 Ford Police Interceptor's from Schimmer Ford in the amount of \$46,642.10 each, totaling \$93,284.20. (One of them to be paid out of the police department drug account). Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the street sweeper may be in service this week.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported that this Friday marks the first Music in the Park concert.

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Ballard made a motion to a 10-year intergovernmental agreement with IDOT for the Maintenance of Municipal Streets for a term of July 1st, 2025, to June 30th, 2035. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the 138kv substation scoping and documentation proposal from BHMG Engineers for \$100,000. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the

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roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve BHMG Engineering support for the IEPA Clean Air Act Permit Program (CAAPP) Permit for the City of Peru for a not to exceed cost of \$10,000. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Lukosus absent. Motion carried.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the pitstop pump station was offline for one day for an inspection. PSM/Chief King reported Water Department Foreman Justin Nambo did a great job noticing an issue and requesting the inspection. PSM/Fire Chief King reported the inspection bill should be under \$20,000.

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

Special Corporate Counsel Herb Klein presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6943**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING "INTERESTED PARTIES REGISTRY" AND ADOPTING REGISTRATION RULES FOR SUCH REGISTRY FOR THE PROPOSED PERU MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL NEXUS TIF DISTRICT; AND**

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

Special Corporate Counsel Herb Klein presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6944**

**AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE PROPOSED PERU MIDWEST INDUSTRIAL NEXUS TIF DISTRICT.**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6945**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR USE OF RIGHT-OF-WAY BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND MCC NETWORK SERVICES, LLC d/b/a CONXXUS (Portions of 3rd Street, Grant Street, 5th Street, Putnam Street, 6th Street, 11th Street, West Street and Shooting Park Road)**

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

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Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6946**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING A MUNICIPAL GROCERY RETAILERS' OCCUPATION TAX AND A MUNICIPAL GROCERY SERVICE OCCUPATION TAX FOR THE CITY OF PERU**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6947**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6856 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION FOR TEMPORARY PART-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE PARKS, RECREATION, AND SPECIAL EVENTS DEPARTMENT"**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Alderman Sapienza requested that garbage rules be reposted in bills and asked that Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia post spring reminders.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported on the following:

- Splash Pad opens at 10am on Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>
- Peru Vets Memorial Group Memorial Day Ceremony at Washington Park on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11am
- \$7,500 anonymous sponsor for Taste of the IL Valley for IVAR

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from William Janz, Shirley Janz requesting a variance for the property located at 1304 Fulton Street. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Waltham requesting permission to use Veterans Park soccer field for games starting at 5:00 on the following dates 08/20, 08/27, 09/10, and 09/17. (Games only). Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission

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granted. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Valerie Johnson, Certified Personal Trainer, requesting permission to hold a fitness class at Baker Lake on June 7<sup>th</sup> and June 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Maitri Path to Wellness requesting permission to hold an event at Centennial Park on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> for National Recovery Month. (Requesting entire park). Alderman 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 reported that the Kid's Fishing Expo was a successful event.

Alderman Tieman reported the TBM Avenger and Salute to Veterans event was a huge success and thanked the volunteers. Alderman Tieman noted traffic was smooth.

Presented a letter from Janice Spelich commending City Clerk's Office employees Trina Stevens and Stephanie Piscia.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.