

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 11, 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, August 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King introduced Illinois Valley Regional Dispatch Executive Director, Brandon Miller and Telecommunicator Julie Dean and commended them on being recognized by the International Academies of Emergency Dispatch as an accredited center of excellence for emergency police dispatching. Mr. Miller reported on 20pt of accreditation with 320-line items of protocol reviewed. Mr. Miller reported this is a win for all communities involved with IVRD. Mr. Miller also reported on efforts to become the worlds 15th crown.

Mr. Miller reported the ISO (Insurance Services Office) will be visiting IVRD on September 8th and the visit may help lower the ISO rating for insurance.

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of July 28, 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on August 13, 2025:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$460,249.36
Insurance Fund	149,646.49
MVP TIF	2,739.00
Utility Fund	1,254,475.20
Airport Fund	<u>13,594.92</u>
Total	\$1,880,704.97

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve purchase of John Deere X734 Series w/o deck from, Heritage Tractor, in the amount of \$11,000. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll

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

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported the Movie in the Park on Saturday, August 16th will be Super Mario Bros.

Mr. Thorson also reported Jessica Strauch of State Farm Insurance requested to hold a Movie in the Park on September 20th.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a m motion to approve the purchase of a primary metering rack from Fletcher Reinhardt Company for \$24,365. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion approve the purchase of metering bypass switches and a group operated 600A switch from Siemens Industry for a total of \$11,300. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTOREY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of August 6, 2025, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on the petition of James J. Brady III seeking approval of the consolidation plat for lot 8 & 9 of the Pointe Subdivision. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6972

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CONSOLIDATION PLAT FOR LOT 8 & 9 OF THE POINTE SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF PERU AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF JAMES J. BRADY III (PINs: 17-08-421-008 & 17-08-421-009)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6973

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM ELAINE BUCKMAN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GEORGE BUCKMAN ILLINOIS EXEMPT FAMILY TRUST (Meridian/Dalzell Road, Peru – PINs: 17-06-303-000 & 17-07-103-000)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6974

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A TRUSTEE'S DEED FROM ELAINE BUCKMAN, AS TRUSTEE OF THE GEORGE BUCKMAN ILLINOIS EXEMPT FAMILY TRUST (Meridian/Dalzell Road, Peru – Part of PIN: 17-06-303-000 – 2± Acres)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6975

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, AN ILLINOIS HOME-RULE MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AND EAKAS CORPORATION, AN ILLINOIS CORPORATION

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6976

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A REAL ESTATE EXCHANGE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND LARRY J. CRISS

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert initiated a discussion regarding the placement of one carry out only restricted parking sign in front of Koi, Inc. located at 1519 Water Street. Corporate Counsel Schweickert reported that due to the success of Riverfront, the owner requested the restricted spot. Alderman Sapienza stated he did not see a problem with the request.

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PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Gina Cain seeking variances from the zoning code for 1914 3rd Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and refer to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, thanked everyone that helped make the Taste of the IL Valley a success. Mr. Thorson expressed his appreciation to the volunteers, sponsors, and everyone that attended.

Mayor Kolowski thanked Mr. Thorson for all his hard work on the Taste of the IL event.

Mayor Kolowski read a press release from Eakas Corporation regarding their plan to expand its manufacturing facility in Peru.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Moreno made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.