

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AUGUST 25, 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 25, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Resident and LaSalle County Clerk Jen Ebner inquired about proposed pool and asked the council to sit down and discuss.

**PRESENTATION**

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of August 11, 2025, Public Hearing Minutes of August 11, 2025, Treasurer’s Report for July 2025, and City Clerk’s Report of Cash Received for July 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes 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 27, 2025:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$500,502.31
TIF Funds	17,840.70
Utility Fund	2,367,453.77
Airport Fund	<u>3,940.52</u>
Total	\$2,889,737.30

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

Alderman Payton made a motion to authorize renewal of the following CD’s

- *Bank of New York Mellon 9-month CD @4.25% for \$240,000*
- *Bank of America 12-month CD @4.25% for \$240,000*
- *Charles Schwab 3-month CD @4.35% for \$245,000*
- *Hingman Institutional Savings 9-month CD @4.10% for \$240,000*
- *6-month Treasury Note @4.10% for \$600,000*

Alderman Moreno inquired about utilizing local banks for the renewal of CD’s. Alderman Payton stated it is protocol to seek local banks first and asked to discuss further at next committee meeting. Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell reported that many CD’s are renewed with local banks/

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Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Alderman Moreno made a motion to execute agreement with Metro-Ag Inc. for sludge removal at the Peru Wastewater Treatment Plant. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to award bid for the General Fund Street Program to the lowest responsible bidder, Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc., in the amount of \$641,758.23. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve a quote from Cruz Concrete sidewalk replacement on 9<sup>th</sup> Street from Fulton St. to Schuyler St. in the amount of \$11,490.00. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve quote from MAP Quality Fencing & Decks, in the amount \$19,050 to install fence at the new Water Street dog park (City portion-\$10,550; MAP Quality Fencing & Decks-\$8,500). Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of 30 65' Class H2 poles for \$69,300 from Thomasson Company. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of line construction materials from Anixter for \$184,633.86. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve the purchase of line construction materials from Fletcher Reinhardt for \$69,430.81. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve the budgeted lease of split reel, reel stand, and bull wheel tensioner for 48 months with a quarterly payment of \$21,627.65. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to promote James Strack to the position of Crew Foreman. Alderman

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Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Baker Park Path Replacement bid letting is next week. Plan is for park to be closed starting on September 29<sup>th</sup> with a completion date of December 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6977**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY AND A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT STEVEN V. MICHELINI AND LAURA L. MICHELINI**

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

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Mertel asked LaSalle County Clerk Jen Ebner (in attendance) about his earlier inquiry on early voting at Peru City Hall. Clerk Ebner stated she has been unable to find other communities interested in hosting early voting so it will not be offered for the 2026 elections.

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Zach Cinotto seeking variances for property located at 1420 West Street, Peru IL. Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and refer to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S NOTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Maurice Martin addressed the council regarding allegations his rights are being violated and inquired as to where he can submit his complaints.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Payton seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.