

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OCTOBER 20, 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, October 6, 2025, at 7:05 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.

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of October 6, 2025, Treasurer’s Report for September 2025, and City Clerk’s Report of Cash Received for September 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes and reports 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 October 22, 2025:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$767,368.05
TIF Funds	14,824.75
Utility Fund	2,583,181.70
Airport Fund	<u>3,030.07</u>
Total	\$3,368,404.57

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.

Alderman Payton made a motion to authorize 2026 property casualty and workman’s compensation insurance with IMLRMA in the amount of \$461,958.85. Alderman Sapienza 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 Tieman made a motion to approve quote from Illinois Valley Fence and Pool Inc for \$30,000 for Washington Park Happ Field. 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 absent. Motion carried.

Police Chief Sarah Raymond initiated a discussion regarding hiring a patrol officer as a replacement for a resignation.

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PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the Safer Grant is on hold due to the government shutdown.

PSM/Chief King reported the burn ban has been lifted.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to authorize the Electric Department to seek quotes for 65' & 70' Class 1 wood power poles. 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 Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of accessories for the new bucket truck from Custom Truck One Source in the amount of \$28,792.00. 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 absent. Motion carried.

PSM/Chief King reported all surplus items have been picked up.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported that IDOT is working on the stop lights at West Street and Rte. 6; not a city issue.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel minutes of the October 15, 2025, Planning and Zoning Commission hearing held on the petition of the City of Peru seeking approval of final plat of Halm subdivision. Alderman Tieman made motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6986

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAT OF HALM SUBDIVISION TO THE CITY OF PERU AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of October 15, 2025, Planning and Zoning commission hearing held on the petition of Sabas Oraldo Madera and Ana Rosa Madera concerning property located at 2404 Plum Street. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 6987

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE AND VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF SABAS ORALDO MADERA AND ANA ROSA MADERA CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2404 PLUM STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of October 15, 2025, Planning and Zoning commission hearing held on the petition of Kevin Mateika and Jessica Mateika concerning property located at 2103 Main Street. Alderman Sapienza 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. 6988

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A SPECIAL USE AND VARIANCE AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF KEVIN AND JESSICA MATEIKA CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2103 MAIN STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU

Alderman Sapienza 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 absent. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6988

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM PERU INDUSTRIAL RAILROAD, LLC (Peru Rail f/k/a LaSalle & Bureau County Railway, Peru – GIS PIN: 11-32-502-001)

Alderman Tieman made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Ballard 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6989

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A CERTAIN POLICE DEPARTMENT SQUAD CAR AS SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING THE SALE THEREOF

Alderman Tieman 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 absent. Motion carried.

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PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Michael Blaydes seeking variances/waivers from the Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 1420 Peoria Street. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from City Center Rehabilitation requesting permission to host a 5K run/walk in the City of Peru on June 20, 2026, with proceeds going to Illinois Valley Food Pantry. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel announced the Clerk's office is collecting nonperishable and monetary donations for Illinois Valley Food Pantry in honor of welcoming their new location in the City of Peru.

MAYOR'S NOTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alderman Payton stated he's been watching social media even before the vote (on the pool) and is bothered by personal attacks online by private citizens towards city employees. Alderman Payton stated the council stands with their employees and if people have an issue with a city decision, come to elected officials directly.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Payton made motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired and meetings where setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered. 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.

Closed session began at 7:25 p.m. and ended at 7:54 p.m.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno present. Alderman O'Sadnick absent. Mayor Kolowski present.

ADJOURNMENT

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Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.