

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 17, 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, November 17, 2025, at 7:02 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of November 3, 2025. Alderman Moreno made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on November 19, 2025:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$860,244.18
Utility Fund	2,487,427.43
Landfill Fund	21,275.23
Airport Fund	<u>7,059.39</u>
Total	\$3,376,006.23

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, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve a Christmas Bonus for City employees: \$100.00 for full-time and \$50.00 for part-time. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Ballard made a motion to approve \$2,000 contribution to Peru Police Blue and Red Christmas. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported they have 85 kids signed up. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve \$500 donation to Illinois Valley Food Pantry. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve \$500 donation to Illinois Valley PAD’s. 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.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve a contract between the Peru Police Department and 9-1-1 Nurd, Public Safety Technology Consulting, for project management relative to the Central Square CAD/RMS system, in the amount of \$7,168 a month for a period of 6 months totaling \$43,008 (\$20,000 to be paid by the Police Department with JETSB funds). Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the ice rink will be opening soon with the building of the ice beginning on November 18th.

Alderman O'Sadnick asked about pipes on the north side. Mr. Thorson stated there will be netting and fencing in place to block them off.

Mayor Kolowski reported the fire pits are wood.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve purchase of 2016 International 7400 (3-ton) from Renegade Motors LLC, in the amount of \$60,523.00. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported both leaf vacuum trucks are out plus another rented unit, but down until the end of the week.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6995

AN ORDINANCE LEVYING TAXES FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES FOR THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 BEGINNING ON MAY 1, 2025, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, BOTH INCLUSIVE.

Alderman Lukosus 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6996

AN ORDINANCE ABATING 2025 TAX LEVY AS PROVIDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 6188 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, PROVIDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION REFUNDING BONDS, SERIES 2017" DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED OCTOBER 31, 2016.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6997

AN ORDINANCE ABATING 2025 TAX LEVY AS PROVIDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 6485 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE AND BUREAU COUNTIES, PROVIDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2020" DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED JUNE 8, 2020.

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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6998

AN ORDINANCE ABATING 2025 TAX LEVY AS PROVIDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 6532 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE AND BUREAU COUNTIES, PROVIDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2021" DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED DECEMBER 21, 2020.

Alderman Ballard 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6999

AN ORDINANCE ABATING 2025 TAX LEVY AS PROVIDED BY BOND ORDINANCE NO. 6656 ENTITLED: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE AND BUREAU COUNTIES, PROVIDING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2022" DULY PASSED AND ADOPTED MAY 9, 2022.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7000

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM CANAM STEEL CORPORATION (9 Unytite Drive, Peru – PIN: 11-32-402-001)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7001

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PUBLIC UTILITY EASEMENT FROM JON M. SCHWARTING, AS TRUSTEE OF THE KAY C. SCHWARTING LIVING TRUST; DANIEL E. SCHWARTING, JON M. SCHWARTING, LISA K. DUPUREUR, BURT J. BRENNEMAN, TERI B. SUMNER, BRENNEMAN FAMILY FARMS, LLC; AND JUDITH A. BUTTELL, AS TRUSTEE OF THE JUDITH A. BUTTELL TRUST (Merdian/Dalzell Road, Peru – PIN: 17-07-325-000)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the November 12, 2025, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing held on the petition of Michael J. Blaydes, as trustee under trust agreement known as Trust Number 1420, concerning property commonly known as 1420 Peoria Street, Peru. Alderman Tieman made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file without a recommendation due to lack of quorum. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Ryan & Amy Rynkiewicz seeking variance for property located at 1122 Harrison Street, Peru, IL. 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 petition from Logan Guerrero seeking variances from the Zoning Ordinance for the property located at 815 Monks Avenue. Alderman Tieman made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

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Alderman Moreon 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 to discuss litigation “when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting”. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:29 p.m. and ended at 8:00 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.