

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 26, 2026

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, January 26, 2026, at 7:00 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 January 12, 2026, Treasurer’s Report for December 2025, City Clerk’s Report of Cash Received for December 2025, Building Permits-Fourth Quarter Report 2025, Building Permits-Annual Report 2025, Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for December 2025, and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service Inc. Activity Summary for Year 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 January 28, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$501,299.16
Utility Fund	2,388,468.20
Airport Fund	<u>11,995.54</u>
Total	\$2,901,762.90

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

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events, reported the Academy of Carlo Acutis will be reserving the ice rink on Saturday, January 31st from 2pm-4pm (Catholic Schools Week)

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve an Engineering Service Agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the North Trunk Sewer Construction Inspection. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to award the 138kv transformers to Hitachi Energy in the amount of \$12,979,036.00. Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick stated the 138kv program will benefit the city with safety, cost savings and growth. Mr. Minnick noted the 38 month turnaround. Clerk Mertel called the

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

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7012

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT OF THE TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND POJO LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7013

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A TAX INCREMENT FINANCING (TIF) DISTRICT REDEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU, LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS AND SUNRISE HOSPITALITY, INC., AN OHIO CORPORATION

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported the project is expected to begin in May and conclude by October 2027. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported the four-story structure will have approximately 90 suites. Mayor Kolowski thanked Mr. Carls and Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert for their time spent on this project. 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. 7014

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS REVENUE IN THE PERU DOWNTOWN TIF DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THAT SURPLUS REVENUE TO THE LA SALLE COUNTY TREASURER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED TAXING DISTRICTS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS FOR TAX YEAR 2024 PAYABLE 2025

Alderman Sapienza 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, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 7015

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SURPLUS REVENUE IN THE PERU MVP TIF DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX ALLOCATION FUND AND AUTHORIZING PAYMENT OF THAT SURPLUS REVENUE TO THE BUREAU COUNTY TREASURER FOR DISTRIBUTION TO AFFECTED TAXING DISTRICTS ON A PRO-RATA BASIS FOR TAX YEAR 2024 PAYABLE 2025

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Tieman made a motion to authorize the Human Resources Director to seek applicants for the position of part-time Meter Reader/Office Assistant. 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.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from VITAS Healthcare requesting permission to hold the annual Butterfly Release event at Baker Lake on Saturday, June 20th. Alderman Ballard 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 thanked the Electric, Fire, Police, and Public Works Departments along with the City Clerk's Office for their efforts regarding a semi striking a pole on January 23rd that led days long repairs. Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick reported crews needed to be very careful with the restoration of the poles and wires while working in the extreme cold. Mr. Minnick noted the Electric Department crew worked with no injuries or damage to equipment. Mr. Minnick stated that every lineman should be commended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.