

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, February 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

#### PRESENTATION

Police Chief Sarah Raymond and Sergeant Scott DeGroot presented Officer Brendan Sheedy, Community Service Officer Blake Frund and Electric Department Foreman Brent Martin the Life-Saving Award Presentation for their efforts during fire that broke out of a garage on February 9<sup>th</sup>.

Police Chief Raymond stated that Officers Sheedy and CSO Frund are the epitome of commitment to excellence and this act further shows their dedication to the city of Peru and the citizens, as well.

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick stated that Brent is definitely an outstanding employee, dedicated to public service and supporting the city.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

#### MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of February 9, 2026, Treasure's Report for January 2026 and Peru Volunteer Ambulance Service, Inc. Activity Summary for January 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes 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 February 25, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$1,057,487.48
TIF Funds	527,666.17
Utility Fund	2,112,617.52
Landfill Fund	7,368.00
Airport Fund	<u>19,917.29</u>
Total	\$3,725,056.46

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

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve \$2,000 donation to District 20 Little League. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Tieman made a motion to approve \$4,000 donation to Peru Girls Softball. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve promotion by the Board of Fire and Police Commissioner's selected candidate for the position of Sergeant to commence March 1, 2026. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve 5-year maintenance program (Advantage Gold Service) for Units 1-7 with Altorfer Power Systems in the amount of: **\*Note: 2026, 2028, 2029 & 2030 Includes oil change; 2027 Includes oil change and filter change**

- 2026 - \$24,475.00
- 2027 - \$47,772.00
- 2028 - \$28,875.00
- 2029 - \$29,575.00
- 2030 - \$30,275.00

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick reported this extends the warranty five years. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve replacement gang operated air brake switches for two 34.5kv customer services for failed units in the field from Fletcher Reinhardt Company, in the amount of \$12,840. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the inspection and repair of unit 5 gas turbine and expansion bellow with SMC Operations for a price not to exceed \$35,500. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve revised contract price of \$13,042,100, from Hitachi Energy, for the 138kv transformers (Approve original bid on 01/26/26 in the amount of \$12,979,036.00). Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-01**

#### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EARLY TERMINATION OF LANDSCAPE MAINTENCE SERVICES CONTRACT WITH SPECIALTY LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE**

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-02**

#### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING INTERVENTION BEFORE THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION (ICC DOCKET 26-0081)**

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

#### **PROCLAMATIONS**

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Alderman Moreno made a motion to hire selected candidate for the position of meter reader/office assistant. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and O'Sadnick absent. Motion carried.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Colby Urbanski seeking variances for property located at 1223 Walnut Street. Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from James Hardie Building Products requesting permission to hold their annual company picnic/event at Centennial Park On Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>. The event would include a car show, DJ, food truck, kids games; request closure of 13<sup>th</sup> Street between West Street and Putnam Street. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

#### **MAYOR'S NOTES**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.