

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 23, 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, March 23, 2026, at 7:01 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of March 9, 2026, Treasurer’s Report for February 2026, Clerk’s Report of Cash Received for January and February 2026. 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 March 25, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$418,014.52
TIF Funds	71,340.32
Utility Fund	2,377,740.48
Landfill Fund	9,372.00
Airport Fund	<u>8,244.61</u>
Total	\$2,884,711.93

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

Treasurer Jackson Powell provided an outlook on rates going forward.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported on the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt at Centennial Park on Saturday, March 28th.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

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ORDINANCE NO. 7027

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 – AVIATION, SEC. 18-2 – FEES AND CHARGES, OF THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7028

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A SALE AND DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF ILLINOIS (1203 May Road, Peru | 3.511± acres)

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-03

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS FINANCE AUTHORITY FOR FEDERAL FORMULA GRANT FUNDING: SECTION 40101(d) – PREVENTING OUTAGES AND ENHANCING THE RESILIENCE OF THE ELECTRIC GRID

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Sapienza spoke on behalf of the Peru Historical Society, stating the room in the basement needs lighting. Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick stated he would have the electric department employees do the work. Alderman Sapienza also noted the Peru Historical Society is now a 501c organization and meets on the last Tuesday of the month. Alderman Sapienza asked all to check them out on Facebook.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a communication to approve a request from Zion U.C.C to place a 4' x 3' event sign for their Ice Cream Social at the southeast corner of 6th & Peoria Street from May 18, 2026 – June

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24, 2026. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Johnson Seed and Grain Services LLC seeking variances for property located in the JR Subdivision with Bureau County Property PIN 18-12-400-008. Alderman Lukosus made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning for review and recommendation. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from IBI Ventures, LLC seeking a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance and approval of IBI Ventures Second Subdivision, a special use, and other relief for property generally located east of Illinois Route 251 and South of May Road (LaSalle County PINs: 17-04-106-001; 17-04-106-002; 17-04-106-005; and 17-04-106-006). Alderman Payton made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning for review and recommendation. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from William T. Jones seeking variances for property located at 118 Cross Street, and the two lots directly south with property PIN 17-20-113-004 and property PIN 17-20-113-010. Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning for review and recommendation. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Travis and Adriann Harvey seeking variances for the property located at 1103 4th Street. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning for review and recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Alderman O'Sadnick reported on the Palm Sunday breakfast at St. Carlo Acutis (Peru Campus) at 6am.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident John Caresio talked to council about the City of LaSalle adopting golf carts and asking the city of Peru to look into it.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Payton made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Ballard and Edgcomb absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:23 p.m. and ended at 8:20 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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Alderman Tieman made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.