

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JULY 13, 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, July 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

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

PRESENTATION

Mr. Rob Ruppert, representative with Central States Little League District 20 Baseball, announced that this is the 40th year of the event and requested. Mr. Ruppert reported that teams from IL, MI, OH, IN, IA, NE, MO, WI will be in attendance with opening ceremonies this Friday at 6pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of June 29, 2026, and Building Permits-Second Quarter Report 2026. Alderman Ballard made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus asked for an adjudication report to be presented at a future meeting.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Ballard presented the following disbursements for payment on July 15, 2026:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	576,247.38
MVP TIF Fund	4,100.00
Electric Fund	527,053.02
Water Sewer Fund	859,482.09
Airport Fund	<u>37,838.42</u>
Total	\$2,004,721.53

Alderman Ballard made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and bills paid in the usual manner. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Tieman, Payton, and Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion to approve proposal from Ladzinski Cement Finishing, in the amount of \$9,425.00, to pour footings for 2 columbarium foundations. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Tieman, Payton, and Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

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Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion to authorize purchase 2026 JD X754 Signature Series tractor with mower deck in the amount of \$10,350.00 from Heritage Tractor. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Tieman, Payton, and Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve proposal from Augustyniak Construction, LLC in the amount of \$21,289.00 for the Centennial Park bathroom repairs. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Tieman, Payton, and Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

Council requested approval of \$5,000 contribution to the Central States LL Tournament.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to award the 2026 Street Maintenance Program to Advanced Asphalt in the amount of \$550,608.50. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Aldermen Tieman, Payton, and Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported crews started to camera sewer lines on 10th Street as a result of the recent flooding event. Crews will continue to camera the lines.

In response to the recent flooding event, Alderman Moreno stated the city lacked transparency to citizens about sanitary sewer backups and would like to see the city cover the cost for dumpsters for the removal of damaged contents.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the July 8, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Donald E. Plochocki Jr. & Nicole M. Plochocki concerning property located at 14 Pointe Boulevard in the City of Peru. Alderman Lukosus 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. 7047

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF DONALD E. PLOCHOCKI JR. AND NICOLE M. PLOCHOCKI CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 14 POINTE BOULEVARD IN THE CITY OF PERU.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of the July 8, 2026, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Michael j. Blaydes, as trustee under trust agreement known as Trust Number 1420, concerning property located at 1420 Peoria Street in the City of Peru. Alderman Moreno

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made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7048

AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY GENERALLY LOCATED AT 1420 PEORIA STREET AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF MICHAEL J. BLAYDES, AS TRUSTEE UNDER TRUST AGREEMENT KNOWN AS TRUST NUMBER 1420.

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

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 7049

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AGREEMENT FOR DEED IN LIEU OF FORECLOSURE WITH KAREN S. MACKEY (1703 Pike Street)

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman O'Sadnick reported he has received many calls regarding the Conexxus fiber cable installation. Alderman O'Sadnick stated that impacts have varied but homeowners are not happy about it. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the fiber installation is not a city project and does not have oversight over the project.

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from MCC Network Services, LLC seeking special use and variances for the property located at 1226 Peoria Street. Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Stone Jug Barbeque requesting permission to close Schuyler Street between 3rd Street and 4th Street on August 23rd for the annual Horizon House Steak Fry. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to receive the communication, place it on file and permission granted. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Mike Konieczki requesting permission to close 11th Street, between Pulaski Street and Walnut from Noon to 6pm on Sunday, July 26th. Alderman Moreno made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Dennis D. Tomaszewski, Julie A. Nowakowski, Caleb G. Tomaszewski, and Kai J. Tomaszewski seeking annexation and zoning for real estate generally located west of Peoria Street near its intersection with 38th Street in LaSalle County, Illinois. 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 Julie Nowakowski seeking annexation and zoning for property located at 2927 Peoria Street. Alderman Moreno made a motion the petition be received, placed on file and referred to the Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Angie Edgcomb requesting permission to close Wynnwood Lane on July 18th from noon to 10pm for a block party. Alderman Ballard made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Mayor Kolowski reminded the council that the Central States baseball tournament begins on Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Resident Leslie Banks initiated a discussion regarding rainwater flooding over Becker Drive, 25th and 26th Streets. Crews from Public Works will check the storm sewer in the area.

Resident Nancy Antkowiak inquired about downspouts connected to sewer systems.

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ballard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 p.m.