

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 25, 2024

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 11, 2024, at 7:00 P.M.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of March 11, 2024, and Treasurer’s Report for February 2024. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes and reports 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 March 27, 2024:

| <u>FUND NAME</u> | <u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| General Fund | \$420,164.64 |
| Utility Fund | 1,947,689.38 |
| Landfill Fund | 852.00 |
| Airport Fund | <u>9,890.96</u> |
| Total | \$2,378,597.48 |

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley 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 \$125,000 contribution to TBM Avenger and Salute to Veterans. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley 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 \$4,000 donation to Peru Boys Little League. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley 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 \$4,000 donation to Peru Girls Softball. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Payton reminded department heads to present budget proposals to Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell by April 12th.

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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$22,302.00 for the IVRD/Fire Station Building Renovations. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported the LaSalle County State's Attorney's Office agreed to purchase a comfort dog for the police department. Chief Raymond stated the comfort dog will be for School Resource Officer Brian Zebron to utilize while working in the schools. Chief Raymond stated we have plans and ideas to make it more community oriented with donations from the businesses, since the dog will be utilized within the community. Chief Raymond stated the purchase of the dog should be of no cost to anyone other than the state's attorney, and the school is willing to chip in for the cost of owning the dog. Chief Raymond stated that once the dog is selected and purchased it would be with SRO Zebron at all times and would be his partner, but ultimately the department's. SRO Zebron said he was excited for the opportunity to get a comfort dog for the community because dogs provide unconditional love with no judgment. SRO Zebron stated that many students at the school need this type of emotional support to help with self-worth as well as reduce stress, anxiety, depression and try to end some loneliness they have in their lives and thinks it's a great tool to enhance the self-esteem of many young children who need to have that built up. Chief Raymond stated the dog could be used to encourage and cultivate positive relationships with the public through community use, as well. Chief Raymond stated she is unsure what breed the dog will be yet, but right now SRO Zebron has been looking at a St. Bernard. SRO Zebron reported some of the aspects he is looking for in a dog include temperament, medical history, breed, age and the background of the breeder. SRO Zebron stated temperament is most crucial to me, wanting a laid-back calm dog comfortable in all environments including schools, outdoors, and generally any public area with lots of people. I would look for a social dog with confidence to intermix with anyone it encounters. SRO Zebron also stated he would take recommendations from residents and organizations that have knowledge, training and experience in selecting a breed for a specific job such as this.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve replacement of revenue metering at the Hydroelectric plant with VIPower Services for a sum not to exceed \$25,000. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Lukosus made a motion approve the replacement of the Plank Road Substation batteries with VIPower Services for a sum not to exceed \$15,000. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve the purchase of SICAM GridPass OT cybersecurity certificate management software from Siemens Industry Inc. for \$12,100. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

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REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-07

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND LASALLE-PERU TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 120 RELATING TO USE OF J.A. HAPP FIELD AT WASHINGTON PARK

Alderman Tieman made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley 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 resolution entitled:

RESOLUTION NO. 2024-08

RESOLUTION ADOPTING AN OWNER'S DAM SAFETY PROGRAM FOR THE STARVED ROCK HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

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

PROCLAMATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a communication Brittany Peach and on behalf of the Starved Rock Runners group we are asking to allow our Kids Running Clinic to utilize Baker Park and the Pavilion at the east entrance off of Chartres Street every Monday from June 10th-August 5th from 5:30-7:00. Alderman Tieman made a motion to receive the communication, place it on file and grant permission. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion; motion carried.

MAYOR'S NOTES

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the Easter Egg Hunt was a big success.

Mayor Kolowski recognized the efforts of the crews patching pot holes.

Alderman Moreno asked for an update on the street sweeper, chipper service, and yard waste. PSM Jeff King reported the part to repair the street sweeper is expected this week. PSM King reported chipper service and yard waste resume April 1st.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

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