

CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 11, 2020

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Scott J. Harl in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7:03 p.m.

City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo present; Mayor Harl present.

An invocation prayer was presented via zoom by Pastor Alex Garncarz of Zion United Methodist Church

All joined in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

PUBLIC COMMENT

PRESENTATION

Mayor Harl asked to resume the presentation by Leopardo regarding the proposed police station.

City Engineer Eric Carls asked for council Q & A session.

Alderman Radtke asked Police Chief Bernabei what level of involvement we have had from the police department between the police chief and the officers and what kind of buy in do we have in terms of the building and design. Chief Bernabei thanked Alderman Radtke and stated if it wasn't for COVID-19, he guaranteed the council would have every single employed police officer in attendance as they have been looking forward to this night for a very long time. Chief Bernabei stated the buy-in is obviously there because the council asked for a team to be put together with the Mayor, Alderman Lukosus and Alderman Payton having front row seats, attending all the meetings and it is important to add that it is not any one person's police department, adding that he will not be in the new building long but over the course of the next 70 years, there will be a lot of officers working out of that building. Police Chief Doug Bernabei stated they put together a team consisting of Deputy Chief Bob Pyszka, Commander Sarah Raymond, Detective Sergeant Dennis Hocking, two senior Patrol Officers Amy Sines and Nick Biagioni along with Michelle Wagner, records clerk, noting every element of the department is represented. Police Chief Doug Bernabei stated it was stressed not to raise taxes, don't go over the top, but get a building that will be good for the future.

Police Chief Doug Bernabei commended City Engineer Eric Carls for his efforts and acknowledged the expertise of Basalay Cary and Alstadt and MWL. Police Chief Doug Bernabei stated he is excited for the generations to come.

Alderman Lukosus thanked City Engineer Eric Carls for his considerable efforts and acknowledged this is a legacy project for all of us.

Alderman Waldorf thanked City Engineer Eric Carls and Finance Officer Justin Miller for their efforts.

Alderman Payton thanked the professionals of Leopardo, Basalay Cary and Alstadt and MWL.

Alderman Buffo stated as a former police officer, he is impressed with the thought process put into the design.

Treasurer Powell asked about square footage 32,000 was reported by Ms. McMillen.

Mayor Harl asked Finance Officer Justin Miller to outline the recent bond savings. Finance Officer Justin Miller noted approximately \$1,000,000 per year of bond payments that have recently been retired. Mayor Harl also noted the annual savings of nearly \$300,00 per year from IVRD.

City Engineer Eric Carls detailed the process through a needs analysis for space based on a question from Treasurer Jackson Powell.

Finance Officer Justin discussed finance options with bonding in separate segments or borrowing in separate segments.

Alderman Radtke expressed his confidence in the city's policies enacted to support the financial commitment.

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Finance Officer Justin Miller noted our Moody's AA3 rating and noted the following funding options:

- Traditional bonding
- Working with local banks

Alderman Payton stated he supports local fund option.

City Engineer Eric Carls stated he strongly believes that this is a local stimulus project and the timing for bidding should be very favorable.

MINUTES

Mayor Harl presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2020. Alderman Ferrari made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Harl presented the Police Department Report for April 2020. Alderman Buffo made a motion the report be received and placed on file. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Buffo presented the following disbursements for payment on May 13, 2020:

<u>FUND NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u>
General Fund	\$939,768.96
Insurance Fund	31,407.84
Utility Fund	1,097,683.65
Airport Fund	<u>28,812.40</u>
Total	\$2,097,672.85

Alderman Buffo made a motion that the report be received, placed on file and the bills be paid in the usual manner. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Council discussed annual investment of \$13,243.00 to North Central Illinois Economic Development Corporation (NCIEDC). Mayor Harl expressed his concern with an extremely short turnaround on DCEO requests. Mayor Harl also noted no return call from the current director and is not in favor of the contribution. Due to lack of a motion, the item died on the floor.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to seek bids for new transformer for Eakas. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to approve quote from Ladzinski Cement Finishing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$36,547.00 for apron and taxiway at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo 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. 2020-18

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TRI-COUNTY OPPORTUNITIES COUNCIL COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND THE CITY OF PERU

Alderman Radtke made a motion the resolution be adopted as written and read. Alderman Buffo seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

City Clerk Dave Bartley presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 6473

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 6471 ENTITLED: “AN ORDINANCE FIXING WAGES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINIOS COMMENCING MAY 1, 2020 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2020

Alderman Waldorf made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Radtke seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

PROCLAMATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a proposed proclamation proclaiming May 17-23, 2020 as Safe Boating Week. Alderman Ferrari made a motion the proclamation be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Waldorf made a motion to authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) documents from Leopardo for the Peru Police Station. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. City Clerk Dave Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ferrari, Waldorf, Lukosus, Radtke, Sapienza, Payton, Ballard and Buffo voting aye; motion carried.

Council received and opened a Request for Qualifications for the Halm Property on May Road. One RFQ was received from Reality Link and turned over to City Engineer, Eric Carls, for review.

Alderman Buffo stated he wanted to double down his desire the council should work to develop a plan to push against Governor Pritzker to reopen our city and county. Alderman Buffo also suggested working with the LaSalle County State's Attorney to draft a county wide plan. Alderman Buffo stated he wants to find a way to reopen activities in the parks such as batting cages, tennis courts and ball diamonds.

Mayor Harl noted there is a letter prepared by a group of mayors on the governor's desk to promote returning to normal and stated his concern is legality and not risk liability.

Mayor Harl read a thank you note card from the Right Spice regarding the waiving of liquor license fees.

Mayor Harl noted the hanging of graduate's banner and the scheduled recognition photo on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

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NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Lukosus reported the annual TBM Avengers event is being moved to Terra Haute, IN for one year due to COVID-19.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Clerk Bartley presented a petition from John and Gina Atkins requesting a variance for property located at 1916 Fulton Street. Alderman Waldorf 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 Bartley presented a petition from Jeremy and Nicole Moorman requesting variance for property located at 203 Calhoun Street. Alderman Lukosus 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.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CLOSED SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Ferrari made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Waldorf seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:22 p.m.