

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING SEPTEMBER 25, 2023**

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, September 25, 2023, 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**

Human Resources Director, Kim Reese reported on the City of Peru Health and Wellness Committee Charity golf outing raised a record \$14,082 during its fourth annual charity golf outing to support Blue & Red Christmas for Kids. Ms. Reese reported the outing had 92 golfers and 58 organizations and local businesses as sponsors, as well as 32 local businesses and restaurants that donated items to be used as raffle items and prizes. Ms. Reese stated that 100% of the proceeds will go to Blue & Red Christmas for Kids. Mayor Kolowski thanked Ms. Reese and Human Resources Assistant, Crystal Smith for the time and effort put into making the year’s golf outing successful.

**MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of September 11, 2023 and Treasurer’s Report for August 2023. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes and reports be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

**FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on September 25, 2023:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$755,002.96
Downtown TIF Fund	4,000.00
Utility Fund	2,291,588.51
Landfill Fund	4,020.69
Airport Fund	<u>16,185.51</u>
Total	\$3,070,797.67

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.

**PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Police Chief Sarah Raymond provided an update on interviews for the evidence custodian position.

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to authorize the City Engineer to seek proposals for the Baker Lake East Side Parking Lot Improvements. 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.

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve purchase of used 3-ton 2009 International 7400 plow truck from Rides Unlimited Chicago Inc., in the amount of \$29,876.00 (minus \$1,000 down payment). Alderman Ballard seconded the motion. Clerk Bartley called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of September 20, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Lore Urnikis-Jones concerning property located at 1927 7<sup>th</sup> Street, Peru, IL. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6794**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING VARIANCES AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF LORE URNIKIS-JONES CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1927 7<sup>TH</sup> STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS**

Alderman O'Sadnick made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented the minutes of September 20, 2023, Planning/Zoning Commission hearing on petition of Abygroups, Inc. concerning property located at 1839-1841 May Road, Peru, IL. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received, placed on file and concur with the recommendation. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6795**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING WAIVERS, VARIANCES, AND OTHER RELIEF AS SOUGHT BY THE PETITION OF ABYGROUPS, INC. CONCERNING PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1839-1841 MAY ROAD IN THE CITY OF PERU, ILLINOIS**

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Director of Engineering and Zoning, Eric Carls reported the city is combining the property into single parcel and working through minor variances as it is related to the site plan, specifically stormwater detention. Mr. Carls stated there's normal stormwater detention currently provided for on that site and they are going to provide for some stormwater detention, so it is an improvement from what's there existing. Mr. Carls reported that Popeyes plan calls for it to occupy

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2,515 square feet with a quick-serve, drive-thru restaurant. The proposed site plan would include 20 parking spaces instead of the city's zoning ordinance, which said no less than 26. Mr. Carls said the plan would decrease the amount of "impervious area" and provide more green space. Mayor Kolowski stated people are looking forward to the new restaurant, but it's a process and it will take time to get everything put together and everybody's just got to be patient. Mayor Kolowski stated everybody's excited, including him, the council is excited. Mayor Kolowski stated it's a good thing for the city to get a franchise like this but everything takes time. 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 ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6796**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Alderman Ballard made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6797**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY OF PERU COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Alderman Ballard made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6798**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY OF PERU FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Alderman Payton made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6799**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY OF PERU PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

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Alderman O’Sadnick made a motion the ordinance 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 ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6800**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY OF PERU PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 6801**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEETING DATES FOR THE CITY OF PERU PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion the ordinance 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**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve Downtown TIF Commercial Renovation Program application of Connecting Point Computer Center and award grant funds in the amount of \$1,000 for TIF-eligible expenses at 1622 4<sup>th</sup> Street (PIN#17-17-438-001). 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.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Bartley presented a communication from LaSalle-Peru Township High School requesting permission to hold the annual homecoming parade on Thursday, October 5th at 4:00 p.m. (Starting at Rotary Park; No parking signs around park). Alderman Tieman made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and grant permission. Alderman O’Sadnick seconded the motion; motion carried.

**MAYOR’S NOTES**

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CLOSED SESSION

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion and motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.