

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 2024

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by City Clerk Dave Bartley in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6:00 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

MINUTES

Clerk Bartley presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of September 23, 2024. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Edgcomb reported on collaboration with Ottawa Fire Department to submit a joint radio grant application; asked for funds to be in the FY 26 budget.

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported on moving away from Digiticket and on research to switch to Quiket for ticketing, payments and adjudication. Chief Raymond reported the initial cost of \$15,000 then \$8,000 per year.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported he is waiting on features to arrive to complete playground at 28th Street Park.

PUBLIC WORKS

Kevin Minick, Electric Operations Manager, reported on 138KV meeting with MISO Committee on Friday, November 22nd.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski reported on the results of the advisory question on the November 5, 2025 election ballot regarding outdoor pool. Mayor Kolowski suggested forming a pool committee and looking at how many people we should put on the committee, how many aldermen, how many people from the citizens. Alderman Lukosus stated he believed if the council chooses to form a committee, it would need to be a public meeting since if there were two aldermen on it, it would be considered a legal meeting and for transparency; would want them open to the public. Alderman Payton said agreed it should start at the committee level, but that Parks and Recreation should be the actual starting point with Adam Thorson, two aldermen and two to three citizens. Alderman Payton stated he would let the committee do their workables then bring it through committee levels from there. Alderman Kolowski said he didn't know how many members typically were on a committee like this. Alderman Payton said when the city had a committee for the police station it had two aldermen and the mayor, but there were never more than two elected officials there and believed the pool committee meetings should be held on different nights as council and committee so that the members could bring their agendas to the committee they would be under. Alderman Payton suggested asking Director of Engineering and Zoning Eric Carls to put this in a capital project and have Eric's department kind of head it and lead it because he's done it before with the police station. Mr. Carls said it would be a capital project and would follow the same process as other capital projects such as the splash pad and the police station.

Mr. Carls suggested identifying who is going to be a part of that committee first and certainly our office would help support and facilitate the meetings and the process. Aldermen O'Sadnick and Andy Moreno said they would be willing to serve on the pool committee. Alderman Kolowski said he would be the one deciding who would be a part

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of the pool committee with Sherry Mayszak, the former alderwoman who pursued the pool referendum since last fall.

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Moreno made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase, lease of real property for the use of the public body is considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. 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.

Closed session began at 6:17 pm; ended at 6:53 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Tieman seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.