

## **COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING MARCH 11, 2025**

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by City Clerk Dave Bartley in the Peru City Council Chambers on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 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 January 13, 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Alderman Payton reported on ongoing budget meetings and noted the loss of sales tax from the Big Lots and Coronet Dodge closings.

Alderman Lukosus asked Alderman Payton for a recommendation regarding re-instating the grocery tax. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert noted there will need to be an ordinance to reinstate. Mayor Kolowski stated he wanted to see what other communities are doing.

### **PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning initiated a discussion regarding proposed FY26 capital improvement projects and 10-year Utility Fund capital project plan. Mr. Carls noted the handout is a draft and living/evolving document. Mr. Carls noted the following proposed projects and grouped by type below:

#### Regulatory Projects:

- Waste Water Master Plan
- Pilot Study West WWTP
- Study/Re-Permit West WWTP for Short Term Capacity
- Study Collection System to Reduce Flow to East WWTP
- Reconfigure Collection System, East to West WWTP
- Combined WWTP at West Side
- East WWTP Pumping Station & Forcemain
- East WWTP Demolition & Excess Flow Facilities
- Sewer Separation
- Lead Service Line Replacements

#### Maintenance Projects:

- West Trunk Sewer Repair
- North Truck Sewer Repair
- Sewer Cleaning & Televising
- Water Distribution System Replacements
- WTP Softener #6
- N. Peoria Street Water Tower Painting

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- Well Rehab
- Ground Storage Tank Inspections & Maintenance
- WTP & Well Technology Upgrades
- Brine Tanks
- Well #5, #6, & #7 Additional Treatment

### Growth Projects:

- Two new deep wells
- New 1 MG Wager Tower North I-80
- New Water Distribution System

Mr. Carls noted the total project cost of \$249,520,000.00 spread over the next nine fiscal years.

Alderman Sapienza asked about regulatory projects the last few years. Mr. Carls referenced the sewer separation and lead line mandates.

Alderman Edgcomb asked about the WWTP expansion and growth and the four year construction period.

Mr. Carls also noted potential grant parameters and challenges.

Mayor Kolowski asked about the sewer separation schedule. Mr. Carls noted the project is right on track.

Mr. Carls noted the above project does not include General Fund projects, as they will be presented next month.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on the start dates of the following services:

- Chipper service will begin on April 7<sup>th</sup>
- Appliance pickup will be from March 31<sup>st</sup> – April 4<sup>th</sup>
- Cemetery decorations can be placed back on the graves after March 15<sup>th</sup>.

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick noted the budget for a bucket trade set for June/July noting the retailers buyers order and \$275,000 cost. Committee was in favor.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Announced Matthew Klein Films will present the TBM Avenger & Salute to Veterans production at the next scheduled committee meeting (4:00 p.m.).

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Tieman made a motion to go into closed session to discuss litigation “when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting”, and meetings held to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee or legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 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.

Closed session began at 6:37 p.m. and ended at 6:59 p.m.

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Alderman Tieman made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman Lukosus 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 Sapienza seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 7:00 p.m.