

**COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING MAY 12, 2025**

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, May 12, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno present. Mayor Kolowski present. Alderman Ballard absent. Alderman Edgcomb arrived at 3:38 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of April 28, 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried

**PUBLIC WORKS** *(IT, Water & Sewer, TEST, Airport, Buildings and Grounds, Streets & Alleys, Electric, Engineering)*

**IT**

Stephen Rounds, Director of IT, reported they are ready for the airshow and anticipates it to be a much better experience this year.

**WATER & SEWER**

None

**TEST**

None

**AIRPORT**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported that Marquis, Inc. will be working on parking lot extension and noted that per the 2019 Development Agreement, the city would be responsible for the cost of half of the asphalt, estimated at \$80,000-\$100,000. Mr. Carls stated the extension would begin after the airshow.

Mr. Carls reported that traffic on Plank Road should be temporarily open to two-way traffic this weekend for the airshow.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

None

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

Mr. Carls discussed and recommended the approval, on the next regular meeting agenda, of 10-year intergovernmental agreement with IDOT for the Maintenance of Municipal Streets for a term of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025, to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2035.

**ELECTRIC**

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager reported on a presentation, at the next Committee of A Whole meeting, by BHMG regarding the 138KV Substation at Eakas.

Mr. Minnick reported the new transformer for Unytite has been received and scheduled to be installed in June.

Mr. Minnick reported on having a rate study performed for electric rates. Alderman Payton noted an article in the Chicago Tribune about electric rates.

**ENGINEERING**

Mr. Carls initiated a discussion of FY26 Capital Projects along with deferral ideas.

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Mr. Carls initiated a discussion of a contractor that is continuously not fulfilling its obligation to the city and how to deal with him.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Committee authorized Country Kids Produce to put out signs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>

## PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE (*Code Enforcement, Police, Fire, Landfill, Cemetery, Parks & Recreation*)

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Alderman Edgcomb reported that Community Service Officer Blake Frund will be providing an update/progress on issues throughout the city.

Alderman Sapienza reported that properties on Plain Street from 4<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> need to be addressed. Police Chief Sarah Raymond stated she would get it looked at.

### POLICE

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported she applied for a grant for social worker position and looks hopeful.

Chief Raymond reported on the implementation of Juvenile Police Academy this summer for grades 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>.

### FIRE

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported that Dimmick has approved purchase of brush truck to donate to the City of Peru.

### LANDFILL

None

### CEMETERY

PSM/Chief King reported the cemetery looked great for Mother's Day and commended the crews on their great work.

### PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported on the following:

- Discuss RTV quotes
  - Leone's -Belt Drive
  - Ladd Farm Mart-Transmission Drive
  - Not apples-to-apples bids
  - Recommends approving bid from Ladd Farm Mart and asked for approval at the next regular meeting
- Discuss firework show for the 2025 Airshow for \$15,000
  - Asked for approval at the next meeting agenda
  - July 3<sup>rd</sup> bids will be bids to be presented at a future meeting
- Discuss contract and scope of work from Iron Sleek
  - Has not received proposal yet
- Discuss concrete work at Veteran's Park for \$17,932.00 from Ladzinski Cement Finishing
  - Will be in the May 21<sup>st</sup> disbursements
- Discuss annual field maintenance proposal from Advanced Turf Solutions in the amount of \$11,675.56 and \$7,133.78 for all 2025 sports diamonds/fields
  - Will be in the May 21<sup>st</sup> disbursements
- Discuss OSLAD playground/exercise equipment
  - Equipment needs to be ordered before June 1<sup>st</sup> to avoid price increase
  - Will discuss with finance and place on next regular meeting agenda

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**FINANCE COMMITTEE** (*Finance, Human Resources*)

**FINANCE**

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell initiated a discussion of budget reductions for FY26. Ms. Mitchell noted we are a lot closer to approving the budget but there is still work to be done.

Alderman Payton reported the city needs to adjust rates sooner rather than later before we fall further behind. Alderman Payton thanked Ms. Mitchell for all her hard work.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resource Director Kim Reese initiated a discussion on Recreation Camp stipends and reported the request for approval will be on the next regular meeting agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Alderman Tieman asked for update on pool committee. Alderman O'Sadnick reported that Kmetz Architects will have a concept plan in 2 weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported on sales tax ordinance to be approved at the next regular meeting.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to go into closed session 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 Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Ballard absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 4:45 p.m. and ended at 4:56 p.m.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Lukosus made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 4:57 p.m.