

**COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING JUNE 9, 2025**

A budget hearing was held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 3:15 p.m. in the City of Peru Council Chambers.

Clerk Mertel called the hearing to order.

In attendance were Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno. Mayor Kolowski, City Clerk Jamey Mertel, Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell, Police Chief Sarah Raymond, PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King, Human Resources Director Kim Reese, IT Director Stephen Rounds, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events Adam Thorson

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell reported this year’s budget presentation would be in question/answer form.

After an extensive question and answer session, several Alderman commended Ms. Mitchell and the department heads for their time and effort.

Ms. Mitchell concluded the hearing thanking all and stated she would like the city to continue to grow and work together. Ms. Mitchell stated that we need to address long-term planning to be sustainable.

Hearing adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday June 9, 2025, at 5:58 p.m.

City Clerk Jamey Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O’Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno present. Mayor Kolowski present.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of May 27, 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

**PRESENTATION**

None

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

**IT**

None

**WATER & SEWER**

None

**TEST**

None

**AIRPORT**

Alderman Lukosus reported that bid letting for striping will be soon.

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### BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

### STREETS & ALLEYS

PSM/Fire Chief King reported that the street sweeper had operated on the south portion of town and looks great but then reported the street sweeper encountered some issues and currently back at Standard Equipment. PSM/Chief King reported it should be back by Wednesday.

### ELECTRIC

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported on progress on units 1 and 2 and is set to get them back online.

### ENGINEERING

None

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

None

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

### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Alderman Edgcomb initiated a discussion regarding low-speed electric vehicles but due to time constraints, asked for it to be on the next regular agenda.

### POLICE

None

### FIRE

None

### LANDFILL

None

### CEMETERY

None

### PARKS & RECREATION

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

- This year's fireworks will cost \$40,000
  - asked for formal approval at the next regular meeting.
- Music Under the Oaks this Friday
- Large attendances at Illinois Valley Pistol Shrimp games

### OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Kolowski inquired about traffic backups at the water store. Police Chief Sarah Raymond stated there haven't been any calls.

### NEW BUSINESS

Alderman O'Sadnick inquired about the panhandling on Rte. 251. Police Chief Sarah Raymond stated they are aware of it but cannot do anything to combat it.

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

**FINANCE**

Finance Officer Tracy Mitchell reported FY25 budget amendments will need to be on the next regular agenda for approval.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Mertel presented a petition on behalf of Donald L. Ashley, Trustee under a Trust Agreement dated July 5, 2001, and Sue M. Ashley, Trustee under a Trust Agreement dated July 5, 2001, to Detach a Parcel of Real Estate from the City of Peru Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/7-1-24.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Chuck Studer requesting permission to close off 26<sup>th</sup> Street from Marquette Road to Prospect Street from 2pm-10pm on July 12<sup>th</sup> for a neighborhood block party.

Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Merry Noonan to close 5<sup>th</sup> Street (adjacent to Lou's LaGratto's) for a DREAMWAVE Wrestling event on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-7pm.

Clerk Mertel reported that the 2026 IMLRMA renewal packet has been received and forwarded to the departments to verify inventory. Clerk Mertel reminded the department heads that the renewal forms are to be returned to the clerk's office by June 27<sup>th</sup>.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Payton 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 Edgcomb seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus, and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 6:38 p.m. and ended at 6:54 p.m.

Alderman Payton made a motion to reopen the meeting. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel 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 Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:54 p.m.