

**COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING SEPTEMBER 2, 2025**

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Tuesday, September 2, 2025, at 3:30 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 August 18, 2025. Alderman Lukosus 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**

Stephen Rounds, IT Director reported he is prioritizing payroll.

**WATER & SEWER**

None

**TEST**

None

**AIRPORT**

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported the following:

- Administrative Assistant Loran Guskusy is working on fuel tax reimbursement
- Making changes on drainage to parking lot expansion
- Fencing around AWOS after crops come out

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

None

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported crews are blacktopping water main breaks.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported the leaf vacuum truck is getting serviced and will be ready for fall.

**ELECTRIC**

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported on the following:

- Hydro inspection noting everything had passed inspection.
- Unit 3 repairs
- Working with new for

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### ENGINEERING

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported on the following:

- Baker Lake replacement project-bid opening on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- General Fund Street program progress reported expected soon
- Deep sewer project should be signed off soon.

### OLD BUSINESS

None

### NEW BUSINESS

Discussed summer help. PSM/Fire Chief King will take a look at staffing for next year and make cuts. PSM/Chief King will also prioritize hiring based on Peru residents with more discussions before next summer hiring season.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported registration for the 2026 ICSC Convention on May 18<sup>th</sup> begins next week. Alderman Lukosus recommended securing a booth and noted that a 20X20 booth comes with two passes.

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

#### CODE ENFORCEMENT

Reported on working on an ordinance to eliminate flags at gaming establishments.

Committee discussed tree house at 1201 4<sup>th</sup> Street.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported stakes will be put in on city property located at the southeast corner of Peoria Street and Shooting Park Road.

#### POLICE

Police Chief Sarah Raymond initiated a discussion regarding switching from Taser 7 to Taser 10 and noted the cost savings of the upgrade.

Chief Raymond

#### FIRE

None

#### LANDFILL

None

#### CEMETERY

None

#### PARKS & RECREATION

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

- Ice Rink
  - Has been receiving proposals for interior of Ice House
    - \$9,600 proposal from Augustyniak construction
- Renovations on Happ Field will start soon
  - Bleachers will be installed and cement added around fencing
- Rock Street playground equipment needs upgrades
  - Alderman Payton suggested a couple pieces for older kids

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**OLD BUSINESS**

Treasurer Jackson Powell about parking at Sunset Park. Mr. Carls reported there is a concept plan but not in the budget.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

**FINANCE**

Alderman Payton invited Treasurer Jackson Powell to discuss investments.

Alderman Moreno asked if we have \$250,000 in all 11 brick and mortar banks within the City. Treasurer Powell stated no.

Alderman Sapienza questioned an investment with the Bank of China. Treasurer Powell reported they are a national chartered bank.

Alderman Payton inquired on the process of bids and if we follow up with local banks. Alderman Payton stated that national banks do not support local organizations.

Alderman Payton stated we need to use local as best as we can, stating we need to set from 4 banks to 8. Alderman Payton stated we currently use a 3 year ladder and not interested in changing to 5 years

Eric bet all 11 maxed out and discussion becomes mute.

Alderman Lukosus asked Treasurer Powell if he makes physical calls to banks. Treasurer Powell reported yes.

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

Human Resources Director Kim Reese initiated a discussion for options regarding 2026 insurance renewal rates which include GLP-1 coverage. Alderman Payton recommended option 4.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Kolowski reported that LKCS owner Norbert Dudek has passed away and the city is sending an arrangement to his service.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Payton made a motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is considered, including meetings held for the purpose of discussion whether a particular parcel should be acquired; meetings for setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered, and meetings held 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. 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.

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Closed session began at 5:03 p.m. and ended at 5:39 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned 5:40 p.m.