

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING OCTOBER 27, 2025

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, October 13, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of October 13, 2025 and Committee of A Whole Minutes for October 20, 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Special Counsel Herb Klein addressed the committee regarding the proposed Business Development District No. 1. Special Counsel Klein reported there are currently 287 Business Development Districts in Illinois within 178 municipalities. Special Counsel Klien outlined the differences between a TIF District and a Business Development District.

Special Counsel Klein reported on the following current tax rates within the area according to the Illinois Department of Revenue:

- Princeton-8
- Ottawa-8
- Spring Valley-8.44
- Oglesby-7
- Bloomington-9 ¾.

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

IT

None

WATER & SEWER

None

TEST

None

AIRPORT

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported on submittal of fuel reimbursements.

Alderman Lukosus reported the 2026 TBM Avenger kick off meeting went well.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert initiated a discussion regarding construction of fiberoptics in rights of way. Geneseo Fiber phase 2 & 3 is dependent on phase 1 success. They have not reached the level needed yet to expand.

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Committee Chair Lukosus reported that curb leaf vacuuming has started.

ELECTRIC

Electric Operations Manager, Kevin Minnick reported that Unit 2 should be up in two weeks which at that point 3 of the 4 hydro units will be running.

ENGINEERING

Mr. Carls provided an update on the following projects:

- Baker Lake Shared Use Path
 - Few sections of hand pours; paving begins tomorrow
- 138kv Project
 - Moving dirt, getting as much done as they can before weather.
 - Ameren is very grateful
- ITEP Project
 - Approved with IDOT
- Bid opening is Wednesday for Trunk sewer line
- A couple extended stay hotels are looking at building in Peru

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Lukosus reported that PSM/Fire Chief King found a 3-ton truck on sale for \$64,000 stating that PSM/Chief King said the truck is all stainless-steel features and should last for years. Alderman Lukosus stated they would use funds from the budget along with recent sales to purchase.

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Kolowski reported that Gary Poole started working at the trailer court and is helping get it cleaned up.

POLICE

None.

FIRE

None

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY completed

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve quote from Ladzinski Concrete Finishing in the amount of \$14,875.00 for labor at Washington Park Happ Field. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events thanked Alderman Moreno for all his hard work.

Mr. Thorson reported that JP Sports is looking to host baseball and softball tournaments next season.

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OLD BUSINESS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE (*Finance, Human Resources*)

FINANCE

None

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Ballard made a motion to go into closed session for the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the act either for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes required by the act purchase or 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; meetings where setting of the price for sale or lease of real estate owned by the public body is being considered; 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 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 Payton seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, O’Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Alderman Sapienza absent. Motion carried.

Closed session began at 4:37 p.m. and ended at 5:19 p.m.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman O’Sadnick made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 5:19 p.m.