

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2025

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, December 8, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of November 24, 2025. Alderman Lukosus made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

Mike Bima, owner of The Locker Room reported on partnership with the city regarding (ice) skate rentals with skates to be in this week. Reported on having summer employees run concessions. Alderman Moreno reported he helped to get the program going. Reported that concessions and skate rental will be open during peak times. Reported there will also be sticks and pucks available for use. Reported the program is a work in progress.

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 potential upgrades and buildouts for the hangars at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport. Mr. Carls reported on scope change and has been approved for an as is split.

Alderman Lukosus reported he will present on economic imprint of airport soon.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

None

ELECTRIC

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported that since Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick is out on medical leave, he is working with IDOT on the stop light at Rte. 6 and West Street.

ENGINEERING

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

- Baker Lake Path Replacement

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- Mostly complete. Finalized in spring
- 138kv Substation Mass Grading
 - Work suspended for winter.
 - No trespassing signs will go up
- EAKAS Water Main
 - Underway
- North Trunk Sewer
 - Still corresponding on bid concurrence
- Sport Complex
 - Feasibility study delivery date
 - Study is in final draft and will be presented after the first of the year.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Ms. Cate Moulton, of Mack & Associates provided a FY26 audit presentation.

Mr. Carls reported on the following Design/Construction Projects/Discuss project planning and budgeting:

- Plank Road Phase II
- Area 2 Phase 2 Sewer Separation
- N. 31st Roadway Improvements
 - Target 2027 with 50/50 split with Dimmick

Mr. Carls reported on the draft multi-year plan (MYP) for FY27 - FY30 capital improvements. Mr. Carls noted his office is working on a 5-year plan. Mr. Carls reported that water and sewer need revenue to comply with the many infrastructure mandates due over the next three years.

Mr. Carls noted the following fiscal year mandates to which our current funding cannot come close to covering.

- \$11 million in FY27
- \$14 million in FY28
- \$17 million in FY29

Mr. Carls noted there are 8-9 more years of sewer separation.

Mr. Carls reported on the need to expedite drilling for another well which could be \$7-\$10 million project.

Alderman Lukosus stated he would prefer to have a rate study be done on the water and sewer rates.

Clerk Mertel presented a handout of water/sewer rates for surrounding communities. Alderman Moreno stated the handout shows the city needs to do something. Mr. Carls stated he will seek proposals for a rate study.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

None

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POLICE

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported she is working on promotion list due to Sergeant Ed DeGroot's upcoming retirement.

FIRE

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the Village of Dalzell is looking to consolidate with Peru. PSM/Chief King stated he will meet with village officials.

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the safety netting for the ice rink cost \$9,000 and should be done today.

Mr. Thorson discussed the purchase of a snow blower attachment in the amount of \$13,000 from Ladd Farm Mart for the ice rink. Mr. Thorson asked for formal approval at the next regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE (*Finance, Human Resources*)

FINANCE

None

HUMAN RESOURCES

Human Resources Director Kim Reese reported on mandatory employee harassment training.

Alderman Lukosus asked when the last hydro last payment is due.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Initiated a discussion on bills from water tower.

Mayor Kolowski reported Walmart set an all-time record for Black Friday sales, noting that on line pickup was also set a record for sales.

Mayor Kolowski reported on the one-year anniversary of Popeyes and the franchisee is very happy with the store.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

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ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned 5:29 p.m.