

**COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING DECEMBER 22, 2025**

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, December 22, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MINUTES**

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of December 8, 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Sapienza 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**

None

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

None

**STREETS & ALLEYS**

None

**ELECTRIC**

Alderman Lukosus asked for the following to be placed on the December 29<sup>th</sup> Regular Council meeting agenda:

- Motion to purchase one truckload of 35’ class 3 wood power poles CCA treated with ET Brown coating. Approximately 41 poles for \$13,950.25 (routine system maintenance use)
- Motion to purchase one 500 kva three phase padmount 277 / 480 volt secondary for \$16,500 (this will be paid by Parks for the chiller service)
- Motion to purchase ne 300 kva three phase padmount 277 / 480 volt secondary for \$14,500 (this will be reimbursed by Elmore Electric for Nanochem for their service expansion).
- Discuss winterization for the Water Street transformer

Alderman Lukosus reported the Water Street transformer need to be winterized with an approximate cost of \$20,000.

**ENGINEERING**

None

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**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

None

**POLICE**

Police Chief Sarah Raymond reported that three officers will be sworn in on Monday along with a promotion.

**FIRE**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported on accident review board meeting regarding damage caused to entrance sign at the Tou Rest motel.

PSM/Fire Chief King reported the Village of Dalzell should be on the agenda for Monday Peru taking over?

PSM/Fire Chief King initiated a discussion regarding the need for more staffing at the Fire Department. PSM/Chief King stated he hopes to hire two in 2026 and in doing so will save money on POC (Paid on Call) pay. PSM/Chief King asked for further discussion at the January 5<sup>th</sup> Committee of A Whole meeting and subsequent Regular Meeting on January 12<sup>th</sup>.

**LANDFILL**

None

**CEMETERY**

None

**PARKS & RECREATION**

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the ice rink is going well and rented out 200 skates over the past two days. Mr. Thorson reported the ice rink will likely be closed Wednesday-Sunday due to warm temperatures.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

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

**FINANCE**

Alderman Payton initiated a discussion regarding revenue streams and the urgency to address falling behind. Alderman Payton reported that other communities are moving forward finding ways to increase their revenues.

Alderman Sapienza reported the city needs to look at everything and be responsible to bring money in.

Alderman Payton reported that budget talks begin in January.

Mayor Kolowski reported on further discussions at the next Committee of A Whole meeting on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

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**HUMAN RESOURCES**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**CLOSED SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned 4:39 p.m.