

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING JANUARY 5, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, January 5, 2026, 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 December 22, 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

None

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

None

STREETS & ALLEYS

None

ELECTRIC

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, reported on a change order to the 138kv substation project to re-route 1,000 ft of field tile and erosion control around the pond. Mr. Carls noted that Ameren should cover some of the cost.

Alderman Lukosus asked for the change order in the amount of \$71,098.00 be placed on the January 12th Regular Meeting agenda.

ENGINEERING

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

- North Trunk Sewer
 - Starting soon
- ITEP Pedestrian Bridge
 - Work to begin in April
 - Bridge should arrive by September or October

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Alderman Edgcomb asked if there would be many disruptions with the Trunk Sewer project. Mr. Carls noted there wouldn't be many disruptions as most of the work would be in fields or easements.

OLD BUSINESS

Reported that Metro Fiber is looking at starting fiber installation throughout Peru.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mayor Kolowski asked for Code Enforcement Officer Blake Frund attend a meeting in February to provide an update on property code violations.

POLICE

None

FIRE

None

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the ice rink will likely close early March.

Alderman Sapienza reported the ice rink looks great.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the city will need to add cement this summer and possibly pave parking lot.

OLD BUSINESS

Fire Chief King initiated a discussion regarding active hiring list. He had talked to everyone on the current hiring list and 5 people are still interested while 2 no longer are.

Aldermen Edgcomb and Payton working on when to start hiring.

NEW BUSINESS

None

FINANCE COMMITTEE *(Finance, Human Resources)*

FINANCE

Alderman Payton initiated a discussion regarding revenue streams and that he will continue to bring up the issue, noting the city either needs to raise revenues or cut expenses.

Alderman Lukosus stated we need to look at cutting expenses.

Alderman Moreno inquired about budget update meetings. Alderman Payton stated they will happen when they can.

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Alderman Sapienza stated the BDD would have raised revenue and believes we still need to do it. Mayor Kolowski reported he is looking into raising hotel/motel taxes, gaming fees and water rates.

HUMAN RESOURCES

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned 4:29 p.m.