

**CITY OF PERU REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING JANUARY 12, 2026**

A regular meeting of the Peru City Council was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, January 12, 2026, at 7:00 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.

PRESENTATION

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES/FINANCIAL REPORTS/ACTIVITY REPORTS

Mayor Kolowski presented the Regular Minutes of December 29, 2025, and Special Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2026, and the Peru Fire Department Annual Report for 2025. Alderman Payton made a motion the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Edgcomb seconded the motion; motion carried.

FINANCE AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Alderman Sapienza presented the following disbursements for payment on January 14, 2026:

<b><u>FUND NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENSES</u></b>
General Fund	\$539,929.96
Insurance Fund	140,019.89
Utility Fund	1,634,042.17
Airport Fund	<u>4,151.65</u>
Total	\$2,318,143.67

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the disbursements be received, placed on file and bills paid in the usual manner. 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.

PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE

Alderman Payton made a motion to approve the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners selected candidate for promotion to patrol sergeant. 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.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Alderman Moreno made a motion to approve change order in the amount of \$71,098.00 for the 138kv Substation Mass Grading Project. Alderman Lukosus 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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Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve an Engineering Service Agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the NE Water Main Improvements-Phase 2. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Alderman Sapienza made a motion to approve an Engineering Service Agreement with Chamlin & Associates for the Area 2 Phase 3 & 4 IEPA mandated sewer separation projects. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF CITY ATTORNEY/ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7010**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ILLINOIS CASH FARM LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND STEVE MICHILINI d/b/a MICHELINI FARMS**

Alderman Tieman made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion. Clerk Mertel called the roll with Aldermen Ballard, Tieman, Payton, Edgcomb, Sapienza, O'Sadnick, Lukosus and Moreno voting aye. Motion carried.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a proposed ordinance entitled:

**ORDINANCE NO. 7011**

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF AN ILLINOIS CASH FARM LEASE BETWEEN THE CITY OF PERU AND JOHN LAMPS**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion the ordinance be adopted as written and read. 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.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Clerk Mertel presented a petition from Gustavo Rodriguez seeking variance for the property located at 2302 1<sup>st</sup> Street. Alderman Sapienza made a motion the petition be received, placed on file a referred to Planning/Zoning Commission for review and recommendation. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Clerk Mertel presented a communication from Central Bank requesting use of Centennial Park for a Movie in the Park event on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. Alderman Edgcomb made a motion the communication be received, placed on file and permission granted. Alderman Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**MAYOR'S NOTES**

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the Peru Fire Department assisted on a house fire in Spring Valley on Saturday.

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events reported the ice rink was packed with skaters again.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**CLOSED SESSION**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Sapienza made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08` p.m.