

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING MARCH 23, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, March 23, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

MINUTES

Mayor Kolowski presented the Committee of A Whole Minutes of March 2, 2026. Alderman Payton made a motion that the minutes be received and placed on file. Alderman Lukosus seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PRESENTATION

None

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

Mr. Mike Dudek expressed interest in creating a donation in his father's name (Norbert Dudek).

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported the billboard sign on N. Peoria Street had blown down last week.

Alderman Lukosus reported he is looking at an electronic board to be placed near the airport.

Reported on letter received from IDOT regarding the preparation of plans for improvements of the intersections: IL 251 & May Rd./LaSalle Rd, IL 251 & Westbound I-80 Exit Ramp and IL 251 & Eastbound I-80 Exit Ramp with construction tentatively scheduled for Fall 2026.

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick inquired about lights for the newly painted water tower. Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reported the lights were purchased for light color scheme but then the water tower was painted dark blue.

Electric Operations Manager Kevin reported he is working on timeline for bond.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert initiated a discussion regarding business development.

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

Alderman Sapienza reported the city is only spending \$4,000 on trees this year.

FINANCE COMMITTEE *(Finance, Human Resources)*

Reported on cutting back on the economic development website, with MCS, from \$1,000 a month to \$750. Alderman Lukosus stated the website should be done and maintained inhouse, eliminating the monthly cost.

Mayor Kolowski reported he met with Peru Elementary School Superintendent Ryan Linning to discuss school tax.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

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None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Payton made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Alderman O'Sadnick seconded the motion and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned 6:53 p.m.