

COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE MEETING MARCH 30, 2026

A Committee Of A Whole meeting was called to order by Mayor Ken Kolowski in the Peru City Council Chambers on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 3:30 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 23, 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)*

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported that Public Works has been working on broken catch basins.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, gave updates on the airport T Hanger resurfacing, runway paving and striping and parking lot expansion.

PSM/Fire Chief Jeff King reported resurfacing of alleys should begin the week of April 13th.

Electric Operations Manager Kevin Minnick informed the committee the garage is in need of a new ice machine at the cost of \$5,200 from Chapmans in Peru.

Alderman O'Sadnick recommended proceeding with installation of projection lights for water tower

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, gave updates on the ITEP, north sewer trunk separation, Area two phase two, Main Street project, street maintenance and Baker Lake walking path.

Alderman Lukosus stated the Peru economic development website can be handled in house and paying MCS \$750 a month is an unneeded and unnecessary expense.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, stated the Subdivision Ordinance is outdated, and he has begun working on updating it.

Alderman Edgcomb reported to the council he received an email from a resident from the second ward about a project that was done in 2022. Eric Carls gave a timeline of lawn restoration done on the property. The council agreed the city has gone above and beyond to satisfy the resident and no further action will be done. A letter will be drafted and sent to the resident.

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

Chief Raymond handed out a detailed report on the code enforcement officer and will continue to do so in the future. Alderman Sapienza stated things are still being missed and would like to see the job be handled under Building and Zoning Department. Eric Carls stated the city has been without a Building Inspector for 4 years.

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert presented a draft ordinance on ebikes and scooters to be presented at Mondays Regular Meeting.

Mayor Kolowski stated he was going to attend the LaSalle city council meeting to witness their vote on allowing golf carts and atv's on city streets.

Clerk Jamey Mertel presented quote sheets from Eickhof Columbaria on expansion of the current columbarium at Peru Cemetery.

FINANCE COMMITTEE (*Finance, Human Resources*)

Alderman Payton would like a motion on the agenda for Monday engaging Bernardi Securities for bond issuance related to the new Ameren substation.

Human Resources Kim Reese gave an update on changes to the city's health insurance renewal and different options available.

NEW BUSINESS

The council discussed and approved moving the Regular Council meeting for April 6th to 6pm in anticipation of the University of Illinois Fighting Illini basketball team playing for the NCAA National Championship

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned 5:37 p.m.

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