



City of Peru



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PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, July 8, 2024 TIME: 3:55 PM

PLACE OF MEETING: Peru Municipal Building
1901 4th Street, Peru, IL 61354

ROLL CALL: Aldermen Edgcomb, Payton, Tieman and O'Sadnick present. Also present, Aldermen Lukosus, Ballard and Moreno; Mayor Kolowski present.

MINUTES

Alderman Edgcomb made a motion to approve the Public Services Committee Minutes of June 24, 2024. Alderman Payton seconded the motion; motion carried.

PRESENTATION

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CODE ENFORCEMENT

Corporate Counsel Scott Schweickert reviewing violation letters for Community Service Officer (CSO) Blake Frund.

POLICE

None

FIRE

None

LANDFILL

None

CEMETERY

None

PARKS & RECREATION

Adam Thorson, Director of Parks, Recreation and Special Events discussed the following:

- Ice rink chiller proposals
 - \$584,000.00 bid from Custom Ice Inc; allowing previous bidder to requote
- 28th St Park playground project
 - Request to proceed with project.
 - Budgeted \$700,000
 - Committee was in favor
- Sunset Park Improvements
 - Backstop, dugouts and lighting project to begin in late July
- Sunset Park Courts
 - Alderman Lukosus asked for an assessment of courts; Mr. Thorson noted courts in in poor condition
 - Mayor Kolowski wants them to be cleaned.

Mr. Thorson reported that he met with and received a quote in the amount of \$9,000 from Putnam County Painting to place pickleball lines on tennis courts at Washington Park. Mr. Thorson stated he would not perform the work because it would not be good for the courts. Alderman Payton asked about repositioning the lines on the ice rink and pressure washing the courts at Sunset Park. Mr. Thorson stated he was not in favor of adding lines to the courts. Mr. Thorson handed out multiple letters opposing the added pickleball lines. Alderman Edgcomb stated the issue is not a quick fix and there is a need for pickleball courts; reiterating that Peru has the nicest courts. Mayor Kolowski teased an option in the next couple weeks.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Aaron Guenter, LP Varsity Tennis Coach spoke in favor of the growth of the sport of pickleball noting that anything that gets people active is a good thing but does not believe putting pickleball lines on the tennis courts would be as simple of an idea as it may seem. Mr. Guenter stated the ripple effect of this decision would negatively impact many in the community and do great damage to the sport of tennis in our area. Mr. Guenter stated it is his hope to find adequate space and resources to facilitate the needs [of painting courts], he doesn't believe it should come at the expense of tennis.

Mr. Thorson received emails from the following opposing the painting of pickleball lines on tennis courts:

- Michael Armato, St. Bede Athletic Director
- Jill Urban Bollis, City Recreation Tennis Director
- Julie Milota, IVCC Men's and Women's Head Tennis Coach
- Kaylie Reese, former LP tennis player

- Ella Kamke, former LP tennis player, youth tennis coach assistant and both a tennis and pickleball enthusiast

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Tieman made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Potthoff seconded the motion; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.