



# City of Peru



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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: Monday, March 3, 2025 TIME: 3:30 PM

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

ROLL CALL: Chairman, Aldermen Lukosus, Ballard and Moreno present. Alderman Sapienza arrived at 3:45 p.m.

### MINUTES

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to approve the Public Works Committee Minutes of February 17, 2025. Alderman Ballard seconded the motion; motion carried.

### PRESENTATION

None

### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### IT REPORT

IT Director Stephen Rounds reported the city faze out using Facebook Live for streaming council meetings and resume recording meetings and uploading to the city's You Tube channel. Mr. Rounds stated the reason for the transition is due to Facebook now only storing videos for 30 days.

### WATER & SEWER

Alderman Lukosus made motion to approve a time and materials proposal with Illinois Valley Excavating to complete tree and brush clearing for the Area 2 Phase 1 sewer separation. Alderman Moreno seconded the motion. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Piscia called the roll with Aldermen Lukosus, Sapienza, Ballard and Moreno voting aye; motion carried.

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported on the downing of trees in the 6<sup>th</sup> Street ravine behind the ambulance building.

### T.E.S.T.

Chris Perra, President of TEST, Inc., reported on replacing the 20-year-old pump, that runs 24/7, at the west wastewater plant with an approximate cost of \$38,000.

Mr. Perra also reported the clarifier at the west wastewater plant will need repair work.

Alderman Lukosus inquired about rusty water calls. Mr. Perra stated he is aware of the calls but found it odd because they were not coming from a concentrated area. Mr. Perra stated perhaps residents

have small filters on their systems causing it to trap more of the sediments. Mr. Perra encouraged residents who experience rusty water to city hall and let TEST know and they can perform water sampling if necessary.

Alderman Edgcomb reported on a “rotten egg” smell in the water. Mr. Perra stated there is no hydrosulfite in the water and asked if residents were running hot water or cold water. Mr. Perra suggested that sometimes an odor can be omitted from hot water heaters.

#### AIRPORT

None

#### BUILDING & GROUNDS

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to recommend the 2<sup>nd</sup> extension of the Landscape Maintenance contract with Specialty Landscaping. Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning reported an increase of \$7,000 but that a number of locations have been added.

#### STREETS & ALLEYS

None

#### ELECTRIC

Kevin Minnick, Electric Operations Manager, reported on the following:

- Cat generators 6 of 7 online, 7<sup>th</sup> one done within two weeks
- moving unit 3 generator into unit 2, 2 of 4 back online, then start on bringing Unit 1 back online for 3 out of 4 units online
- OEM hydro visit to analyze the failure on unit 3

#### ENGINEERING

Eric Carls, Director of Engineering and Zoning, provided the following updates:

- OSLAD Contract #2 preconstruction meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Area 2 Phase 1-pre-bid meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Finalizing watermain projects and waiting on permitting
- Rte. 6 work has resumed
  - next steps being curb/sidewalk
  - IDOT will be patching/resurfacing with hopes to be wrapped up by May
  - Underground almost complete-delayed due to old tunnels
- Painting of water tank and looking for artwork ideas.
- Deep sewer project.
  - Waiting on signatures from DCEO
  - Bid in fall
- Street program going to be bid by end of March

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

None

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Lukosus made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Sapienza seconded the motion; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.