

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PERU, INDIANA
SPECIAL MEETING
April 7, 2025 @ 5:45 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

ROLL CALL: Andrea Newnum- Clerk Treasurer

PRESENT: Steve Anderson, Tim Fisher, Bob Huber, Brandy Murphy, Pete Sahaidachny, and Aricka Ulery, Drew Stevenson absent.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

ORDINANCE 9-2025 An ordinance of the City of Peru authorizing the issuance of waterworks revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of certain additions, extensions and improvements to the municipal waterworks of said City, Councilperson Fisher that the bond is to assist with the lead service lines along with filtration.

With nothing further to discuss in the Special Meeting Councilperson Anderson moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Ulery.

REGULAR MEETING
April 7,2025 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-led by: Mayor Struch

INVOCATION- Pastor Wedding

ROLL CALL- Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

PRESENT: Steve Anderson, Tim Fisher, Bob Huber, Brandy Murphy, Pete Sahaidachny, Drew Stevenson and Aricka Ulery.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF- Special and Regular Meeting March 3,2025 . Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Huber, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Anderson-Fire Department had 97 runs-14 fires, 7 auto accidents, 81 Service.

Fisher- Attended both March and April 1st Board of Works meetings where claims were approved along with street closures , Peru Utilities meeting on 3/19 and 4/2 where updates on projects were given, Miami County Economic Development meeting, Rediscover Downtown meeting, County Planning Meeting , Miami County Commissioners meeting , 911 meeting canceled, No Tax Abatement meeting held

Huber-Streets Department is beginning spring maintenance, patching roads and storm clean up. Animal Control has 13 dogs at the shelter, Greg also has started an affordable spay/neuter program where the company will come and pick up the animals at the shelter and return them later that day. February 31 animals were spayed and in March there were 45.

Murphy-Park Board met, and things are going well

Stevenson-attended the Utility Service Board reviewed 2024 numbers

Ulery- Civic Center Open House to be held 4/26 also discussing sponsorship to help fund the center, Plan Commission met and voted in favor to rezone from R1 to R3 251 E 5th, also voted in favor of the Bee Ordinance however there were some questions on what was presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson and seconded by Councilperson Murphy to consider Ordinance 9-2025, 7-0 vote in favor.

ORDINANCE 9-2025 An ordinance of the City of Peru authorizing the issuance of waterworks revenue bonds for the purpose of providing funds to pay the cost of certain additions, extensions and improvements to the municipal waterworks of the City. Councilperson Sahaidachny moved to approve Ordinance 9-2025, seconded by Councilperson Anderson 7-0 vote in favor of **MOTION CARRIED**

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Ulery seconded by Councilperson Anderson to consider Ordinance 12-2025 7-0 vote in favor. **ORDINANCE 12-2025** An ordinance of the City of Peru to rezone 251 E 5th Street from R1 to R3. The owner is going to modify the home from a single family to a duplex, having a 2-bedroom unit on the first floor and a 1-bedroom unit on the second floor. A motion was made to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 12-2025 seconded by Councilperson Stevenson 7-0 vote in favor **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilperson Ulery seconded by Councilperson Fisher to appoint Regina McDowell for her 2nd term as Trustee of the Peru Public Library. 7-0 vote in **MOTION CARRIED**.

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Resolution 4-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

Resolution 4-2025 A Resolution to oppose any reduction of residential and business personal property taxes without any replacement of funds. Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the resolution in one meeting. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to consider Ordinance 10-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

ORDINANCE 10-2025 An ordinance to establish a non-reverting fund for Junior Golf League at the Peru Municipal Golf Course.

Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. Vote 6-1, **MOTION CARRIED**.

A motion was made by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to consider Ordinance 11-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

ORDINANCE 11-2025 An ordinance to amend Ordinance 18-2024 Wage & Salary Ordinance. This ordinance will amend the wages for the Building Department. The department has decided not to replace the most recent employee that resigned and instead move some of those funds around to the current employees to compensate for the additional workload along with moving the mowing supervisor to full time.

Moved by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

Jim Tidd with MCEDA presented the 2024 TIF Management Report. Councilperson Anderson moved and Councilperson Murphy seconded the approval of the TIF Management Report as presented. 7-0 vote in favor.

MOTION CARRIED

Herb Hunt with Miami County EMA presented an amended interlocal agreement for the tornado sirens in city limits. The amendment changed the previous wording that invoices would be submitted to the County Treasurer to instead state that the Utility Office will split the invoices in half and send them to both the city and county. Also, updated the officials listed on the agreement. A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Huber to approve the interlocal agreement. 7-0 vote in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**

Marlene Mickelson, Miami County Artisan Gallery is requesting approval of the related electrical utilities for the 4th Annual Peru Visual Arts Festival on May 10, 2025, from 10am to 6 pm. Patrick stated that the festival will be held both in the Museum and on the Court House lawn. Josh Chance of the Utilities stated if they are in need of an electrical box to contact customer service, and they will get that arranged.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

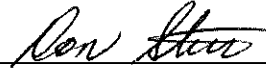
ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, Councilperson Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by

Councilperson Ulery. Motion carried.
MEETING ADJOURNED



Andrea Newnum, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana



Don Sturch, Mayor
City of Peru

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