

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PERU, INDIANA
REGULAR MEETING
May 5, 2025, 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-led by: Mayor Sturch

INVOCATION- Pastor Wedding

ROLL CALL- Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

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

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF- Regular Meeting April 7,2025 . Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Anderson-Fire Department had 111 calls, 8 fires, 66 assists in April

Fisher- Attended both April Board of Works meetings where claims were approved along with street closures , Peru Utilities meeting discussed long term control project, Miami County Economic Development meeting, Rediscover Downtown meeting where discussion was had regarding Second Saturdays and Cole Porter Festival , County Planning Meeting , Miami County Commissioners meeting, State Board of Accounts exit conference.

Huber-Airport crack sealed runway, June 10th will be the Open House, spoke to Brian at Street Dept they are patching alleys.

Murphy- Park Board meeting was held, attended the tax abatement meeting
Stevenson-nothing

Ulery- attended the BZA meeting for rezoning the gym on Chili Ave and alley closure, tax abatement meeting discussed Jay Ventures LLC, Civic Center held Open House on 4/26 it went very well.

Peru Fire Department presented Patrick Bell a plaque honoring his retirement following 30 years of service.

Swearing in Of Logan Bailey as probationary firefighter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ordinance 11-2025 2025 Wage and Salary Ordinance was passed on April 7th meeting however it was overlooked to mention that for civil employee compensation time will be removed for the remainder of 2025, while an updated policy is reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Murphy to consider Ordinance 10-2025 vote 5-0 in favor.

Resolution 10-2025 Rate Adjustment for the City of Peru Municipal Electric Utility discussion was held. Moved by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to consider Ordinance 16-2025 vote 5-0 in favor.

Ordinance 16-2025 An Ordinance to rezone 436 Chili Ave from B1 to R1 (Plan Commission voted in favor), discussion was held that once rezoned the gym will no longer be allowed to operate as a business. The owner stated he will be selling some of his equipment from the gym and will be removing the signage. Moved by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Huber to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to consider Ordinance 17-2025 vote 5-0 in favor.

Ordinance 17-2025 An Ordinance to vacate south half of north/south alley between 266 and 272 E Main Street and transfer to adjoining property owners. (Plan Commission voted in favor) Owners stated they will be placing a gate across the vacated alley that will allow access to both property owners. Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

Jacob Roddy of Enterprise Fleet Management gave a presentation on the benefits of managing the city's vehicles and getting the most out of the vehicles by trading in before the upkeep of the vehicles becomes a burden. Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Fisher, to pursue an agreement with Enterprise. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Murphy to consider Resolution 8-2025 vote 5-0 in favor

RESOLUTION 8- 2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF PERU INDIANA APPROVING THE REQUEST OF DICKY'S PARTNERS PERU, FOR TAX ABATEMENT this abatement would be for all the equipment in the car wash. The request is for 5 years at 50% abatement. Moved by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny, to suspend the rules and to adopt the Resolution in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Murphy to consider Resolution 9-2025 vote 5-0 in favor

RESOLUTION 9- 2025 A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF PERU INDIANA APPROVING THE REQUEST OF PERU WASH INVESTMENTS, FOR TAX ABATEMENT of Real Property. Dicky's Car Wash will employ 8 full-time employees. The request is for 7 years at 60% abatement. Moved by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the Resolution in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**


A motion was made by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Murphy to consider Ordinance 15-2025 vote 5-0 in favor.


ORDINANCE 15-2025 A ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES REGARDING PAYMENT TO THE CITY OF PERU. The City of Peru shall not accept payment in the form of coins in an am in excess of five dollars (\$5.00). Any payments by coin must be divided into one dollar (\$1.00) groups for accounting purposes. Moved by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny, to suspend the rules and to adopt the Ordinance in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, Councilperson Ulery moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Murphy. **MEETING ADJOURNED**


Andrea Newnum, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana


Don Sturch, Mayor
City of Peru