

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**  
**PERU, INDIANA**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**June 2, 2025, 6:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Sturch

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-**led by: Mayor Sturch

**INVOCATION-** Pastor Marie Thompson

**ROLL CALL-** Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

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

**ATTORNEY PRESENT:** Dustin Kern

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**READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF-** Regular Meeting May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 13,2025 . Moved by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:**

Anderson-Fire Department had 95 calls, 47 EMS, 6 crashes, 23 fires, 4 ambulance runs, 38 assists in May

Fisher- Attended May 20 Board of Works meetings where claims were approved along with street closures , Peru Utilities meetings discussed long term control project, Rediscover Downtown meeting discussed Cole Porter Festival , County Planning Meeting , Miami County Commissioners meeting, Plan Commission where they voted favorable for the Bee Ordinance. May 13 attended a Budget work session.

Huber-Airport crack sealed runway, June 10<sup>th</sup> will be the Open House, groundbreaking for new hanger will be June 9<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup> military will be practicing at the airport, spoke to Brian at Street Dept they received their second garbage truck and will receive the last truck by the end of June

Murphy- Park Board meeting was held, attended the budget session on 5/13

Stevenson attended MCEDA where alley activation was discussed, Utility Service Board where the long-term control project continues to be discussed

Ulery- no meeting for Civic Center however do have 3 sponsors for giving tree.

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to consider Ordinance 13-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

**Ordinance 13-2025** Ordinance to Repel and Replace Sections 90.15-90.17 of Peru Municipal Code of Ordinance Bee Keeping. Mr. Simpkins stated that a lot of the Ordinance as presented violated State law. Dustin stated that the version we currently have has been reviewed by the State Apiary and he requested some changes which are no in the ordinance.

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

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Request from YMCA Transit for donation of \$12,000 a year from the city. The YMCA Transit is requesting a 3-year \$12,000 contribution to help bridge the funding gap. Moved by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to approve the funding of \$12,000 a year for the next 3 years. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Request from Chief Feller to purchase 18 new laptops and 21 new laptop mounts for the department. Currently the police department utilize tablets in their vehicles, the tablets cannot be updated to Windows 11. There is a federal mandate to operate under Windows 11 for many of the police programs for federal security reasons. The tablets will be replaced by laptops and tablets will be wiped out and be available to other departments as needed. Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Huber to purchase new laptops and mounts. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Resolution 11-2025** PERU MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT FOR THE 3RD QUARTER 2025 will be a decrease of \$ 0.47 per 1000 kwh an overall reduction this year of 3.99% Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to suspend the rules and to adopt the resolution in one meeting. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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A motion was made by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to consider Ordinance 14-2025 vote 7-0 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 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**Ordinance 14-2025** An Ordinance to Establishing Boundaries of Election Districts. The Senate bill that provides equal representation in elections was established in 2022. Following an updated census the deviations in districts must be reviewed. Peru's deviation went from 42% to 12.7% which will comply.

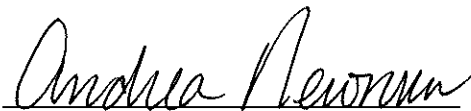
Moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery, to suspend the rules and to adopt the Resolution in one meeting. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**


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**COMMUNICATIONS: NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

  
Andrea Newnum, City Clerk Treasurer  
City of Peru, Indiana

  
Don Sturch, Mayor  
City of Peru

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