

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

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

ROLL CALL- Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

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

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF- Regular Meeting September 8, 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- Absent

Fisher- Attended Board of Works meeting on 9/16 where they approved claims and payroll, Utility Service Board on 9/16 and 10/4 where they continue their long-term control plan, Recycle Board 9/16 where they continue to review vendor pricing, RDP 9/11 regarding 2nd Saturdays and Alley Activations, County Commissioners 10/6 where they voted to change EMS service from Lutheran to Parkview

Huber- Kelly at the Airport states the crack sealing of the runway is complete. They are planning a trip to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo. Greg at the Animal Shelter is attending the Artisan Fair at Pickers Place on 10/18 from 10-4 where he will have several dogs that are adoptable. Brian at the Street/Sanitation department will begin leaf pick up on 10/27, the department continues to seal cracks and finalize the paving project.

Murphy- Absent

Sahaidachny- Attended the Board of Works Meeting where David Wood was approved to hold a Bucket Shake on 10/12 at the corner of Broadway and Miami, 10/19 for the Annual Tribal March, County Council will be holding Budget Public Hearing 10/14 and Budget Adoption 10/28

Stevenson- Attended the Utility Service Board on 10/4 where they approved to purchase property on Canal Street

Ulery- Plan Commission and Cable Committee did not meet, Civic Center hosted a Fall Shindig where there was a great turn out

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Resolution 16-2025 vote 5-0 in favor

Resolution 16-2025

Be it ordained/resolved by the **City of Peru Common Council** that for the expenses of **PERU CIVIL CITY** for the year ending December 31, **2026** the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of **PERU CIVIL CITY**, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein. Budget Form 4-B for all funds must be completed and submitted in the manner prescribed by the Department of Local Government Finance.

This ordinance/resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the **City of Peru Common Council**.

Name of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Type of Adopting Entity / Fiscal Body	Date of Adoption
City of Peru Common Council	Common Council and Mayor	10/06/2025
Funds		

Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget	Adopted Tax Levy	Adopted Tax Rate
0061	RAINY DAY	\$0	\$0	0.0000
0101	GENERAL	\$8,735,384	\$4,733,500	1.9822
0180	DEBT SERVICE	\$210,200	\$314,500	0.1317
0341	FIRE PENSION	\$742,887	\$0	0.0000
0342	POLICE PENSION	\$529,943	\$0	0.0000
0706	LOCAL ROAD & STREET	\$70,000	\$0	0.0000
0708	MOTOR VEHICLE HIGHWAY	\$827,194	\$457,000	0.1914
1136	CRIME CONTROL	\$5,000	\$0	0.0000
1151	CONTINUING EDUCATION	\$26,000	\$0	0.0000
1303	PARK	\$748,349	\$687,000	0.2877
1380	PARK BOND	\$98,718	\$148,100	0.0620
2102	AVIATION/AIRPORT	\$107,373	\$111,900	0.0469
2379	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL IMP (CIG TAX)	\$0	\$0	0.0000
2391	CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT	\$120,000	\$210,500	0.0882
2411	ECONOMIC DEV INCOME TAX CREDIT	\$3,762,000	\$0	0.0000
8604	SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY GENERAL	\$3,209,924	\$4,829,300	1.4540
8692	SPECIAL FIRE PROTECTION TERRITORY EQUIPMENT REPLACE	\$259,000	\$180,400	0.0543
		\$19,451,972	\$11,672,200	4.2984

Home-Ruled Funds (Not Reviewed by DLGF)		
Fund Code	Fund Name	Adopted Budget
9500	Public Safety LOIT (1170)	\$1,012,602
9502	Special Street & San CCI	\$40,000
9503	American Rescue Plan	\$0
9504	Metro Fire Arson	\$0
9505	Park Nonreverting-Contributions/Gifts	\$0
9506	Golf Irrigation System Nonreverting	\$2,000
9507	Animal Control-Nonreverting-Donations	\$500
9508	Ordinance Violations	\$10,000
9509	Unsafe Building Fund	\$80,000
9510	Opioid Distribution	\$0
		\$1,145,102

Moved by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to suspend the rules and to adopt the resolution in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Ordinance 22-2025 vote 5-0 in favor.

ORDINANCE 22-2025 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2026 SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF PERU INDIANA, Ordinance reflects a 2.5% cost of living increase. Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Huber, to suspend the rules and to adopt the Resolution in one meeting. Vote 3-2, **DEAD VOTE**.

A motion was made by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Ordinance 23-2025 vote 5-0 in favor.

ORDINANCE 23-2025 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE CIVIL CITY EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES FOR THE YEAR 2026. This ordinance reflects a 2.5% increase for all employees except for the fire department whose wage reflects a 15% increase. Moved by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

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

RESOLUTION 17-2025 REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATION CITY OF PERU, MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA Whereas, it has been shown that certain existing appropriations for budget year 2025 for the City of Peru now have unobligated balances that will not be used for the purposes for which appropriated, it is further resolved that the following existing appropriations be reduced in the following amounts: DEBT SERVICES- GO BOND SERIES 2012 PAYMENT \$97,000.00 and DEBT SERVICE – INTEREST PAYMENT \$7,465.00. Baker Tilly explained that the reduction is needed as only one payment will be made out of the fund for 2025 a reduction will be needed for year 2025 but appropriation will return to the same amount for 2026 Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to suspend the rules and to adopt the Resolution in one meeting. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, Councilperson Fisher 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