

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PERU, INDIANA
PUBLIC HEARING
December 1, 2025, 5:50 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

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

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO 20-2025

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Common Council of Peru, IN, Miami County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: <u>Community Crossing Grant 2274</u>	AMOUNT APPROVED
Capital Outlays	\$ 1,271.83
Total REFUND EXCESS GRANT FUNDS	\$ 1,271.83
Fund Name: <u>Street/Sanitation NR 2403</u>	AMOUNT APPROVED
Other Services/Supplies	\$ 200.00
Total RETURNED CHECK FOR DUMP TRUCK RENTAL	\$ 200.00
Fund Name: <u>ANIMAL CONTROL DONATION 2506</u>	AMOUNT APPROVED
Other Services/Supplies	\$ 340.00
Total DONATION SPENT ON VET VISIT	\$ 340.00
Fund Name: <u>UNSAFE BUILDING-NR 2273</u>	AMOUNT APPROVED
Other Services/Supplies	\$ 75,000.00
Total FUNDS TO POSSIBLY SPEND ON RECYCLE CLEAN UP	\$ 75,000.00
Fund Name: <u>CUMULATIVE CAPITAL DEVELOP 4402</u>	AMOUNT APPROVED
Other Services/Supplies	\$ 75,000.00
Total PUMP FOR IRRIGATION AT GOLF COURSE	\$ 75,000.00

A motion was made by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to Adjourn the public hearing. vote 7-0 in favor.

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PERU, INDIANA
Regular Meeting
December 1, 2025, 6:00 PM**

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-led by: Mayor Sturch

INVOCATION- Pastor Wedding

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

READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF- Regular Meeting November 3rd . 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 107 calls, 11 fires, 71 medical assists in November

Fisher- Attended both 11/4 & 11/18 Board of Works meetings where claims were approved along with street closures

and demo bids awarded, 11/5 & 11/19 Peru Utilities meeting discussed long term control project, 11/17 Recycle meeting where discussed account issues, Miami County Economic Development Elected Officials lunch, 11/2 & 11/17 Miami County Commissioners meeting

Huber-Airport there is not much going on, spoke to Brian at Street Dept they are plowing snow and the new dump trucks are working out great, leaf pick up will be delayed due to snow, Greg at Animal Control currently has 3 dogs at the shelter and one in foster, the new electric gate opener was installed and working well

Murphy- Park Board meeting was held Golf Course has its 2026 Membership pricing available, Park Board voted to look further into IMPACT which will help put sunscreen dispensers in the parks.

Stevenson-nothing

Ulery- Civic Center will be hosting an Open House this Sunday from 2-4 pm. Come out and take a tour.

Swear in Probationary Firefighter Cody Dyer to the Peru Fire Department

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Ordinance 20-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO 20-2025

Moved by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to suspend the rules and to adopt Resolution 20-2025 in one meeting. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for Utility Service Board

Who is in favor of appointing Zachary Wright to the Utility Service Board? Huber (x), Murphy (x), Sahaidachny (✓), Stevenson (✓), Ulery (), Anderson (x), Fisher (✓),

Who is in favor of appointing Tom Lennon Sr to the Utility Service Board? Murphy (x), Sahaidachny (x), Stevenson (x), Ulery (), Anderson (x), Fisher (✓), Huber

Who is in favor of reappointing Dave Van Baalen to the Utility Service Board? Sahaidachny (x), Stevenson (x), Ulery (), Anderson (✓), Fisher (x), Huber (x), Murphy (✓),

With Zachary Wright receiving majority vote, he will be appointed to the Peru Utility Service Board effective January 1, 2026.

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Resolution 21-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

RESOLUTION 21- 2025 A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA. Josh Chance with Peru Utilities explained due to demand the rate tracking is increasing slightly for the 4th quarter. 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**.

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to consider Ordinance 26-2025 vote 7-0 in favor.

ORDINANCE NO. 26-2025 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 10-2006 WHICH AMENDED ORDINANCE 25-2000, CHAPTER 56 OF THE PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES. Josh Chance with Peru Utilities explained that this is updating standards and allowing the utilities to monitor business wastewater more closely. Moved by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to suspend the rules and to adopt the ordinance in one meeting. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

APPROVE MAYOR STURCH TO SIGN THE PROJECT AGREEMENT FOR 2 N BROADWAY

Jim Tidd with MCEDA stated this Project Agreement is between Jeremy Gilbert, City of Peru and MCEDA to develop 2 N Broadway into a restaurant, title company along with offices on the first floor and apartments on the second and third floor. This development is moving the city's downtown revitalization plan forward with downtown living. Tidd stated

that this project was awarded the READI Grant for \$625,000 the LEI Grant for \$625,000 along with tax credits of \$795,074, Gilberts investment of \$1,470,000 and the investment from the city that is capped at \$700,000. City funds will be reimbursement funds, so the work will be done, and the receipts will be turned in for reimbursement. Moved by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to approve the mayor signing the agreement subject to final review by legal counsel. Vote 7-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

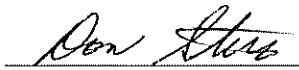
COMMUNICATIONS: NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

There being nothing further, Councilperson Anderson 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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