

\*CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES\*

June 1, 2020

The Common Council of Peru, Indiana met in regular session In person, at 6:00 p.m. on June 1, 2020. The following members were in attendance: Steve Anderson, Tom Gustin, , Mark Ramsey, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny, and Besty Wolfe, Kathleen Plathow was absent.

Others present were Mayor Hewitt, City Attorney Dustin Kern, City clerk/treasurer Susan Stanley, department heads, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Mark Ramsey

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

ROLL CALL: Anderson, Gustin, Plathow, Ramsey, Russell, Sahaidachny, Wolfe were all present with Kathleen Plathow being absent.

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on May 4, 2020

Council Chairman Gustin moved to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 2, 2020 and seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call: 6 Ayes

**\*MOTION CARRIED\***

COMMUNICATIONS:

Council woman Patricia Russell informed the people of the FAA Covid Care Act the airport was granted. Patricia also informed the people that they are planning again to do their Fly-In Event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE#12-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF PERU, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA TAXABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REVENUE BOND OF 2020 (YMCA/TRAIL PROJECT), AND THE USE OF PROCEEDS THEROF TO SUPPORT THE YMCA PROJECT, AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO

Jim Tid of Mecda appeared with the attorney who prepared the bond agreement to answer questions regarding the issuing, handling, and liability for repayment of this bond used for the purpose of providing money to help with the development of the YMCA and Nickel Plate Trail. The Chairman of the Council requested that they be allowed more time to read through the material given to the council as it was not sent in sufficient time prior to the meeting to go through all of the agreement. Chairman Gustin also stated that it had been changed from the first copy sent for them to consider. After many questions from Council members it was decided to go ahead and put it to a vote. However, before

voting Mr. Tid was asked if there would be an accounting to the city for how the money was being spent. Mr. Tid agreed to provide a monthly statement to the city clerk/treasurer to be reported to the council for review of how the bond money was being disbursed.

Chairman Gustin made the motion to adopt, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Roll call vote was taken and motion was passed with: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

**\*MOTION CARRIED\***

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The discussion to review the applications for the Peru Utility Board vacancy was moved to next months meeting to allow time to advertise the opening.

#### **\*RESOLUTION#9-2020\***

**CITY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY FOR THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA**

Motion made to consider Resolution#9-2020 was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilman Anderson.

Joshua Chance, General Manager of the utility gave an overview of the rate tracker after which Chairman Gustin moved to adopt Resolution#9-2020, seconded by Councilman Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

**\*MOTION CARRIED\***

A completed ADA Transition Plan was submitted for approval by Ashley Lowe. Motion to approve the plan was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilman Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken and approved.

#### **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Josh Chance, General Manager of Peru Utilities, presented to the council an resolution that will involve the ability of the utility to collect money owed that accrued during the Covid event. The people that have an outstanding balance will be able to set up a payment plan to get caught up on the money they owe in a 90-day time period beginning in July and ending the last of October. The utilities will resume will disconnections using their former protocol in issuing a disconnect.

Councilman Ramsey expressed his condolences to the Terry Alley family on his passing. Mr. Alley was the former council seat that Councilman Ramsey now occupies.

Councilman Sahaidachny asked the Mayor if he thought any of them should be in attendance downtown on Saturday for the planned protest march at the courthouse. The Mayor said he really didn't think it was a good idea and probably would not suggest going down there.

Mayor commented on the parade held for the seniors on the previous Friday and reported that it was a really good thing the people did for the seniors who would have been at the school at that time for their actual graduation walk but was cancelled due to the pandemic. Mayor Hewitt thought it would be a nice thing to do annually even if they can go through the usual ceremony at the school.

Councilman Sahaidachny asked about how a few of the rough railroad crossings could be fixed. Chief Hawk stated that there are crossings scheduled to be under repair soon.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Gustin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilman Sahaidachny all raised their hand in favor

\*MOTION CARRIED\*

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Mayor Miles Hewitt, City of Peru In

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Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Stanley