

**\*CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES\***

October 5, 2020

The Common Council of Peru, Indiana met in regular session in person, at 6:00 p.m. on October 5, 2020. The following members were in attendance: Tom Gustin, Mark Ramsey, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny, Besty Wolfe, Kathleen Plothow, and Steve Anderson.

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 Mayor Hewitt

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

ROLL CALL: Anderson, Gustin, Plothow, Ramsey, Russell, Sahaidachny, Wolfe, and Plothow were all present

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on September 14, 2020. Besty Wolfe requested one correction and an additional statement made by the city attorney added to the minutes before taking a vote to approve the minutes. Motion to accept the minutes with the corrections was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Kathleen Plothow.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes

**MOTION CARRIED**

**COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS:**

Tom Gustin read a letter submitted to the council in appreciation of their support and offer to help maintain a statue being donated and placed on the library grounds. Tom then read a thank you card sent from Brenda Weaver for their help and support of receiving the statue.

Pete Sahaidachny reported that the cable committee was getting ready to upgrade the technology and microphones in the council room from money they had in their own fund.

Mayor Hewitt read a letter he had written to explain the situation at the Civic Center.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**SECOND READING OF THE 2021 BUDGET AND WAGE ORDINANCE#14-2020**

Motion to consider the 2021 budget was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Mark Ramsey. Roll call vote taken and 7 ayes and no nays.

The council moved into a discussion on the Civic Center on how to make it more profitable and less costly to the city. It was decided that a committee would be formed to formulate a plan to make the Civic Center become more profitable. Brent Wedding volunteered to help on the committee when formed.

Motion was made by Tom Gustin to suspend talk on budget to allow for a request by Sarah Benedict and Ivy Key to present and announce a fine dining restaurant proposal here in Peru. Roll call vote was taken and 7 ayes to suspend talk on budget.

Sarah Benedict and Ivy Key, both graduates of a New York Culinary school are planning on opening a fine dining restaurant in the old vacant Mallow building. They presented slides, offered information and answered questions. After they were done with the presentation, motion was made by Tom Gustin to resume talk on the budget, seconded by Mark Ramsey. 7 Ayes and budget talk resumed. After the discussion on budget was completed, Tom Gustin motioned to adopt the budget for 2021, which was seconded by Peter Sahaidachny. After more discussion and questions on budget a roll call vote to adopt was taken with Anderson, Gustin, Russell, Ramsey, Plathow, and Sahaidachny voting Aye. Wolfe voting Nay. Budget passed with 6 Ayes, 1 Nays

Motion was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Pete Sahaidachny to amend the agenda to add Ordinance#15-2020 along with Ordinance#14-2020 to consider. Roll call vote taken with Anderson, Gustin, Russell, Ramsey, Plathow, Sahaidachny, voting Aye. Wolfe voting Nay. Motion passed.

Motion was made by Tom Gustin to amend to change ordinance#14, seconded by Plathow. Roll call vote was taken with Anderson, Gustin, Russell, Ramsey, Plathow and Sahaidachny voting Aye. Wolfe voted Nay. Motion passed with 6 Ayes and 1 Nay.

Motion was made by Tom Gustin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sahaidachny. All voiced aye.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned.



Mayor Myles Hewitt, City of Peru In

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Stanley