

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

MEETING BY ZOOM

February 1, 2021

6:00PM

The Common Council of Peru, Indiana met in regular session by zoom, called to order by Mayor Hewitt at 6:03 p.m. on February 1, 2021. The following members were in attendance: Tom Gustin, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny, Kathleen Plohow, Mark Ramsey, Steve Anderson, and Betsy Wolfe, all by video.

Others present were, City Attorney Dustin Kern by video, City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Rylands, department heads, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Brent Wedding, by zoom.

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding, by zoom.

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on January 4, 2021 Motion to accept the minutes with addition of liaison assignments was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Council Liaisons Communications:

Kathleen Plohow, not a liaison for Civic Center, expressed her concern for the heat not working properly and fearing frozen pipes at the building. Kathleen was informed that the building was heated and was being checked regularly. Kathleen asked Tom Gustin to join her on a committee for the Police and Fire Pension, with Tom accepting. Kathleen reported that, per MCEDA, the Seven Pillars Brewery was about to be finished.

Mark Ramsey reported that the jail had a new fire wall installed. He also reported that Dr. Redman was resigning and leaving the Miami County Health Department. On other county news Mark reported that the Square D building was in planning to be demolished.

Besty Wolfe and Pat Russell both toured the new AZI building during the open house.

Pat Russell reported that the Aviation Board held their annual election and re-elected all current officers to their current positions. Pat also reported that the board was currently working on a power point presentation for the council in a future meeting. Pat stated that due to covid the Civic Center meeting was postponed to a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #2-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU ESTABLISHING THE AMOUNT OF SALARY FOR THE MAYOR, CLERK-TREASURER, AND UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2021.

Motion to consider was made by Pat Russell and seconded by Kathleen Plothow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays. Chairman Wolfe asked if there were any questions or comments from the council to Josh Chance, General Manager of the Peru Utility about the resolution. With no one having any comments, the motion to adopt Resolution#2-2021 was made by Kathleen Plothow, seconded by Tom Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER RESOLUTION#3-2021

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA AS FOLLOWS: The transfer of appropriations as requested by the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Peru, Indiana has been found by the proper officers to be necessary. The transfer is hereby appropriated and directed as of 12/31/2020.

Motion to consider Resolution#3-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Peter Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Steve Anderson explained to the council he had met with Susan and Lori, Deputy Clerk, and got a clear understanding of the appropriation numbers and the moves and was comfortable with the resolution as presented. Chairman Wolfe made the motion to adopt the resolution, which was seconded by Tom Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION#4-2021

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Motion to consider Resolution#4-2021 was made by Betsy Wolfe, seconded by Tom Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Discussion was then referred to Debi Wallick of the United Way for the reason of this resolution. Debi explained it was for the City to become a pass through for a grant the United Way is wanting to receive. Steven Ray, the grant writer for the United Way was also present to answer any questions council had regarding the resolution. Kathleen Plothow made the motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Tom Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION#5-2021

AUTHORIZING APPLICATION SUBMISSION AND LOCAL MATCH COMMITMENT

Motion to consider Resolution#5-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Steven Ray explained the reasoning for this resolution was the same as resolution#4, which is necessary for the United Way to be able to receive a grant. With no further questions, the motion to adopt Resolution#5-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Pete Sahaidachny asked if there was a way for the former Civic Center director to move into the apartment again as her house had burned down. The Mayor and city attorney replied as she was no longer an employee of the city it would not be something that could be considered. Pete also asked that the council be unified in meeting either by zoom or in person.

Mark Ramsey wanted to say thank you to the Peru Street Department for the great job they did in keeping the streets cleaned and open after a large amount of snow fall. Mark also stated he wanted to see more liaison reports from the council in the future.

ADJOURNMENT:

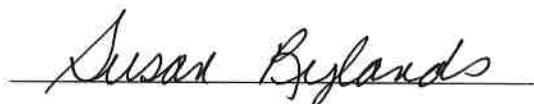
With no further business to discuss the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Betsy Wolfe. All signified Aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Mayor Myles Hewitt, City of Peru, IN

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Rylands