

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

COUNCIL IN PERSON IN CHAMBERS

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April 5, 2021

6:00PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hewitt

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Steve Anderson

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on March 1, 2021. Motion to accept the minutes was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL LIASION COMMUNICATIONS:

Tom Gustin reported that the Miami County Solid Waste bill will return to the original billing date of January the 1st. Bills will be mailed out this year on April the 5th.

Kathleen Plothow reported that Chief Sofianos and Asst. Chief Matt Feller were going to contact Steven Ray to put together an assessment of needs list. Kathleen also reported that the committee for small business growth would be meeting this Friday at noon at Smitty McMusslemans to discuss May being a month to promote small businesses.

Patricia Russell reported that at the Utility Board meeting they approved the Circus City Festival to use their property. They also have paved a way for a new substation on E. Canal. They also still have a 2006 Ford Ranger for sale. The Aviation Board approved the contracts for the Huey Corp. and the Circus Band for their annual Open House on July 31, 2021 from 11AM to 4PM. The Plan Commission voted to vacate an alley on W. 3rd and to vacate a street on E. Canal. The Civic Center released a newsletter on face book with the upcoming new fees and hours.

Peter Sahaidachny reported that the County Sheriff office is going to ask the city for \$25,000 to purchase new tasers as the ones they have are outdated. He also mentioned a new business Jim Tidd referred to as Gen 3 Bio is looking to locate here. They would be looking into turning algae from the water plant into something more useful.

Mark Ramsey reported, read by Chairman Wolfe in his absence, that currently Animal Control was housing four dogs. The 911 signed a new 5 year contract. The Miami County Board of Health wanted to congratulate all the health professionals, especially the nurses for all their work during the past year

with the pandemic. The Park would have tables available this year at the amphitheater. The golf course opened on March 2nd and in 10 days of opening they have brought in a total of \$39,995.75.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Garry Clark, Golf Superintendent, was present to present his need to have money appropriated out of his non-reverting fund to buy golf carts and use for irrigation repairs. Garry stated that buying the golf carts would be more economical than to pay on average \$50 a cart rental for extra ones when holding larger events. Garry also stated that he looks to need money out of this fund for repairs to the irrigation system for this season due to the old system that is prone to water leaks. One member of council asked a question for clarification.

Adam Sheets, Street Commissioner, was present to explain his need to have money appropriated out of their nonreferring fund to use to purchase a new roller as the one they have is a 1963 roller and is in need of replacing. The cost of the roller would be \$18,700.

Jim Tidd was present to give an update for the Economic Development Commission. Jim started with reporting that the trail was near completion and was planning a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 15, 2021 with hosting a Fun Walk. Jim said that the downtown revitalization plan needed to be updated as the last plan was done around 1999. While doing the revitalization plan, they are planning on doing a traffic analysis also, as the YMCA will be opening up soon with also a new housing project being planned for in that area which would increase traffic for that area. MECDA will pay for the traffic analysis which has an estimated cost of a little over \$33,000 which has been contracted for by the HWC Engineering company. They are planning on having a presentation ready for the next council meeting. Jim reported that the Seven Pillars Brewery would be opening up sometime in June. The parking lot next to the business is owned by the county and is in need of repair. The county, in partnership with the Downtown Revitization Committee, Mecda and the city, would like each to donate \$20,000 to have the parking lot completely redone and then, maybe, sign the lot over to the city. This is based on an estimate from Gaunt & Son from Wabash. Jim also stated that the building on 1 South Broadway was planned to be signed over to an investor soon.

ORDINANCE#9-2021

AN ORDINACE TO ESTABLISH INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY

Motion to consider the ordinance was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes and 0 Nays. Besty Wolfe had a few questions on the purchasing control limits and the Oversight Committee. With questions answered, Chairman Wolfe called for motion to adopt which was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call Vote was taken with 6 AYES, and 0 NAYS.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairman Wolfe asked who on the council wanted to be the appointed person from council to the Internal Control Oversight Committee. Patricia Russell volunteered with Betsy making a motion to so appoint Patricia, seconded by Kathleen. Roll call vote was taken with 6 AYES and 0 NAYS.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#10-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY IN THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

Motion to consider Ordinance#10-2021 was made by Pete Sahaidachny, seconded by Steve Anderson. After brief discussion of the condition of the alley and recommendation of the Planning Commission to vacate, the motion to adopt the ordinance as written was made by Betsy Wolfe, seconded by Kathleen Plohow. Roll call vote was taken with 6 AYES and 0 NAYS.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#11-2021

ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN UNDEVELOPED STREET IN THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

Motion to consider Ordinance#11-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 6 AYES and 0 NAYS. Discussion was open with a brief description of the condition of the undeveloped street. Motion was made to adopt Ordinance#11-2021 by Pete Sahaidachny, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 6 AYES and 0 NAYS.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Pete Sahaidachny reported that the Rediscover was holding a band competition this year during the Cole Porter weekend at the Moose Lodge.

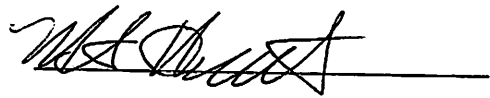
Tom thanked Brent Wedding for all he does for the community and for the council.

Mayor thanked the council for being back to meet in person and for all their service to the council.

Betsy announced that Ashley Lowe was leaving her position as the Mayors assistant and thanked her for her help when needed for council business. Betsy also inquired about having a liaison assigned to the Peru Community Development committee. As a not for profit and not a city board, it was suggested they could, but it would be up to them whether or not they would accept one.

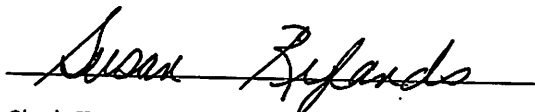
With no further business being brought up, Betsy made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve Anderson. All members signified AYE.

MEETING ADJOURNED

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Mayor Miles Hewitt, City of Peru, IN

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Susan Rylands', written over a horizontal line.

Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Rylands