

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

November 2, 2020

The Common Council of Peru, Indiana met in regular session in person, at 6:00 p.m. on November 2, 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 Patricia Russell

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 October 5, 2020. Roll call vote with Gustin, Russell, Ramsey and Sahaidachny voting aye, Wolfe, Anderson, and Plothow voting nay minutes were approved. Clerk treasurer denied additional details added as meetings are video taped and minutes reflected the general descriptions necessary.

COUNCIL LIASIONS COMMUNICATIONS:

Patricia Rusell reported on the airport and their intent on holding an open house on December 8th.

Mark Ramsey made the announcement of no programs are scheduled for Veterans day because of the Covid-19.

Peter reported on the cable commission and the updates they plan on doing.

Besty Wolfe announced the BOW meeting time and day changed.

Joe Molyneux stepped forward to ask that Kathleen Plothow to be removed from the Planning Commission Board due to not attending the meetings. Kathleen agreed to resign with Patricia Russell volunteering to take her place on the board to finish out the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE#14-2020

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE CIVIL CITY EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES FOR THE 2021.

Motion to consider Ordinance#14-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Mark Ramsey. Roll call vote with 7 AYES and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance#14-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Patricia Russell. Roll call vote taken with Anderson, Gustin, Plathow, Ramsey, Russell, and Sahaidachny voting AYE. Wolfe Voting Nay. 6 Ayes and 1 Nay. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE#15-2020

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2021 ANNUAL SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA.

Motion to adopt ordinance#15-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Pete Sahaidachny. Roll call vote taken with Gustin, Ramsey, Russell, and Sahaidachny voting Aye. Anderson, Plathow, and Wolfe voting Nay. With 4 Ayes, 3 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS:

Report of the Peru Economic Development Commission by Jim Tidd, and Joe Molyneux on the TIF incentive for the new commercial building just north of Taco Johns by asking the council to consider and adopt Ordinance#16-2020.

ORDINANCE#16-2020

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO OF A CONDITIONAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE AGREEMENT OF CITY OF PERU, INDIANA(B R REAL ESTATE, LLC), AND THE DISPOSTION OF THE PROCEEDS THEROF TO B R REAL ESTATE LLC, AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THEREOF

Motion to consider Ordinance#16-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adopt Ordinance#16-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Betsy Wolfe. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Debi Wallick from the United Way discussed the Mayor and Treasurers position on the campaign. Debi stepped forward to present the grants she has acquired and their uses. Debi would contact the office again to present the second time to the department heads the campaign materials for United Way.

Fire Chief Hawk stepped forward to update the Fastenal building purchase to replace fire station #2. Chief answered questions from council and public. The purchase of building to be completed soon.

ORDINANCE#17-2020

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU INDIANA FOR THE PURCHASE OF SPECIFIED LAND AND STRUCTURES.

Motion to consider Ordinance#17-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Kathleen Plathow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays to consider. Motion to adopt Ordinance#17-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#18-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF PERU CODE OF ORDINANCES § 151.066(F)

Bill Gornto, City Code Enforcer, stepped forward to explain why this needed to be amended and updated. Motion to table this until next month was made by Steve Anderson, seconded by Patricia Russell. Roll call vote was taken with Tom Gustin temporarily absent, 6 Ayes and 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE

ORDINANCE#19-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN UNDEVELOPED STREET IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE CITY OF PERU

Motion to consider was made by Betsy Wolfe, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with Tom Gustin temporarily absent, 6 Ayes, 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Opposing homeowners and farmer leasing the land using the street to access his land for farming purposes with his attorney Mr. Spahr were all present. The Martins were present, the city attorney recusing himself from the conversation as he represented the Martins previously. Much discussion of what each person reasoning for closing the street and why the opposing side requests it be left open ensued. After both sides presented their views, a motion to adopt was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Kathleen Plathow. Roll call vote was taken with Steve Anderson voting Aye and 6 remaining council members voting Nay.

MOTION DENIED

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE#20-2020

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NON-REVERTING CARES ACT FUND WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE CITY OF PERU.

Motion to consider Ordinance#20-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Patricia Russell. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Explanation of why this fund was necessary to receive reimbursements for the city because of the additional costs due to the covid-19 pandemic was given by the clerk-treasurer, Susan Stanley.

Motion to adopt Ordinance#20-2020 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Pete Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Peter Sahaidachny to add to the agenda the forming of a Civic Center committee. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Agenda was amended.

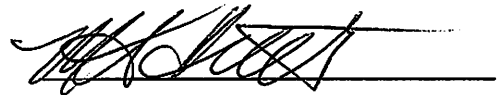
Patricia Russell volunteered to be the chairperson of the newly formed committee for the Civic Center. Peter Sahaidachny and Betsy Wolfe both volunteered to be the council representatives for this committee. It was noted that Brent Wedding has an interest in being on this committee once formed.

Communications:

Wayne Bunker stepped forward to give his point of view on the different pay raises that was given to the Fireman and Police. Wayne also gave Ron Dausch a thank you for his performance as the Building Commissioner.

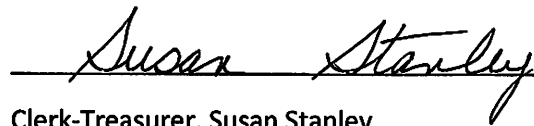
Tom Gustin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Steve Anderson.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Mayor Myles Hewitt, City of Peru IN

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Stanley

City of Peru, IN