CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

September 13, 2021

6:00PM

Public Meeting 5:30 – 5:45pm with Ron Dausch, on behalf of the building department, presented to the public and the council their intent to receive a grant for the purchase of a vehicle. The Mayor called to order at 5:30pm with Dausch answering questions regarding the purpose of the grant. Wolfe motioned to close the meeting at 5:45pm, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Meeting was closed*.

Public Meeting 5:45 – 6:00pm was opened at by the Mayor at 5:45pm. Questions on the budget were asked and answered with the motion to close presented at 6:20pm by Plothow, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Meeting was closed.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hewitt opened meeting at 6:21 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Mark Ramsey

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on August 2, 2021. The correction to Ordinance #18-2021 to show Ramsey motioned to vote on accepting the ordinance not Wolfe was made by Russell, seconded by Ramsey, to approve the minutes. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL LIASION COMMUNICATIONS:

Russell reported on the Aviation, Planning Commission, and Peru Utilities Board, and the Civic Center.

Ramsey reported on the Animal Control, County Council, and the Street Department.

Plothow reported on the Tax Abatement, and the Future Growth Committee.

Wolfe reported on BOW with Anderson reporting on the Police. Sahaidachny had no report, with Gustin reporting on Solid Waste.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Ordinance#12-2021 was brought back from last month to have the motion to be tabled again until next month made by Anderson, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried to be tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE#27-2021

Be it ordained/resolved by the Peru City Council that for the expenses of Peru Civil City for the year ending December 31, 2022 the sums herein specified are hereby appropriated and ordered set apart out of the several funds herein named and for the purposes herein specified, subject to the laws governing the same. Such sums herein appropriated shall be held to include all expenditures authorized to be made during the year, unless otherwise expressly stipulated and provided for by law. In addition, for the purposes of raising revenue to meet the necessary expenses of Peru Civil City, the property tax levies and property tax rates as herein specified are included herein.

The motion to consider Ordinance#27-2021 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow. A roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes and 0 Nays. (Gustin had stepped out during this vote).

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#20-2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SALARIES AND WAGES OF THE CIVIL EMPLOYEES AND APPOINTEES FOR THE YEAR 2022.

Motion to consider was made by Plothow, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. (Gustin had returned).

ORDINANCE#21-2021

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE 2022 ANNUAL SALARIES OF ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA.

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE#22-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 14, 2021

Motion to consider was made by Sahaidachny, seconded by Wolfe. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adopt was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes and 1 Nay.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#25-2021

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

Motion to consider was made by Gustin, seconded by Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion to adopt was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER#12-2021

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion to adopt was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION#13-2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU APPROVING THE TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN 2021

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nay. Motion to adopt was made by Russell, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR SHARING OF COSTS FOR MAINTENANCE OF TORNADO SIRENS

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion to adopt was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ORDINANCE#26-2021 WAS MADE BY GUSTIN, SECONDED BY SAHAIDACHNY. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN WITH 7 AYES AND 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#26-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE IN THE CITY OF PERU.

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion was made to adopt by Plothow, seconded by Russell. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO ADD ORDINANCE#28-2021 WAS MADE BY GUSTIN, SECONDED BY RAMSEY. ROLL CALL VOTE TAKEN WITH 7 AYES AND 0 NAYS.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE#28-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE IN THE CITY OF PERU.

Motion to consider was made by Russell, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion to adopt was made by Plothow, seconded by Gustin. Roll call was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chief of Police stepped forward to explain why on the amount of overtime and overtime pay for the police force. Police wages was then brought up for discussion.

A member of the group that help organize the statue and its unveiling stepped forward to update the council and the public on the statue of the contributors and balance needed to pay it in full.

The director of the United Way came forward to give her quarterly report to the council.

A lady from the public was given the opportunity to step forward and bring forth her personal opinions on the handling of the council meetings.

Wolfe made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Plothow. Wolfe stated all said Aye and meeting was adjourned.

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Miles W. Hewitt, Mayor

Attest:

Susan Rylands, City Clerk Treasurer