

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

October 4, 2021

6:00PM

Public Meeting for presentation and discussion on changing the trash fees from \$12 a month to \$15 a month and discontinuing the furniture tags was opened by the mayor at 5:45. After questions and discussion, Gustin made the motion to close the public meeting at 6:02pm, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. Meeting closed.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hewitt opened meeting at 6:03 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Anderson

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on September 13, 2021. A motion to accept the minutes was made by Russell, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL LIASION COMMUNICATIONS:

Russell reported on the Aviation and Planning Commission were cancelled. Peru Utilities Board met, and Civic Center was cancelled.

Plathow reported on a committee and that she was planning on attending a conference for MCEDA on October 28, 2021.

Ramsey reported on four dogs at the Animal Control, Street Department congratulations on doing a good job, with the Peru Utilities having their fall Riverbank Cleanup Event on Saturday, October 16, 2021, from 9am to noon. Miami County Commissioners approved the nine year contract for the Eagleview Reassessment for Miami County. Gustin, Anderson, Sahaidachny and Wolfe had nothing to report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE#12-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 152.18 OF THE PERU MUNICIPAL CODE

Motion was made to adopt by Russell, seconded by Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes and 0 Nays. (Gustin had stepped out)

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE #27-2021

ORDINANCE FOR APPROPRIATIONS AND TAX RATES

Motion was made by Wolfe and seconded by Plathow to open discussion. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. (Gustin stepped back in)

Motion to remove the ARP money from the budget was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow. Roll Call vote was taken with 4 Ayes and 3 Nays. **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow to remove the vehicle for the building department from the budget. Roll call vote was taken with 2 Aye and 5 Nays. **Motion Denied**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow to remove the vehicle for the Fire Chief from the budget. Roll call vote was taken with 3 Ayes and 4 Nays. **Motion Denied**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow to have only three vehicles, not four in the budget for the police. Roll call vote was taken with 4 Ayes and 3 Nays. **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow, to reduce the financial fees to \$20,000. Roll call vote was taken with 2 Ayes and 5 Nays. **Motion Denied**

Motion to reduce Beautification from \$150,000 to 50,000 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes and 1 Nay. **Motion Carried**

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

ORDINANCE #20-2021

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

Motion to open discussion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Russell. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow to take out the salary for the mayor's secretary. Roll call vote was taken with 1 Ayes, and 6 Nay. **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow to take the raise from the city attorneys' salary and put it back to 2021 salary. Roll call vote was taken with 2 Ayes, and 5 Nays. **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plathow to take the raise from the Building Commissioner and put it back to the 2021 salary. Roll call vote was taken with 2 Ayes and 5 Nays. **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow to take the raise from the Fire Chief and put it back to the 2021 salary. Roll call vote was taken with 3 Ayes and 4 Nays. **Motion Failed**

Motion was made to amend the wage ordinance to make two changes in section 6 to have the wording match the numbers by Russell, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. **Motion Carried**

Motion to adopt was made by Russell seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 5 Ayes and 2 Nays.

Motion Carried

ORDINANCE #21-2021

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

Opening motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow to take the raise away from the mayor and put the salary back to the 2021 salary. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow, to take the raise from the clerk-treasurer and put the salary back to the 2021 salary. Roll call vote was taken with 2 Ayes and 5 Nays. **Motion Failed**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow, to take the raise from the city judge and return the salary back to \$13,850. Roll call vote was taken with 3 Ayes and 4 Nays. **Motion Failed**

Motion was made to adopt Ordinance #21-2021 by Gustin, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 5 Ayes and 2 Nays. **Motion Carried**

NEW BUSINESS:

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE #23-2021

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 11, 2012

Motion was made by Russell, seconded by Ramsey to consider the ordinance. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. **Motion Carried**

Motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson to table this until more time was given to have questions answered and time to discuss regulations for trash pick-up. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. **Motion Carried**

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE #24-2021

Motion made to table was made by Plathow, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. **Motion Carried**

RESOLUTION NO. 14, 2021

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF PERU INDIANA, APPROVING THE REQUEST OF HOMESTEAD BARNS FOR THE TAX ABATEMENT

The motion was made by Plathow, seconded by Gustin to remove from the agenda per the request of the presenter. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays. **Motion Carried**

The request to present information on behalf of the Peru Firefighters 383 was addressed earlier in the meeting during the budget discussion.

Patricia Russell read a prepared response to the accusation of having a council member impeached.

COMMUNICATIONS:

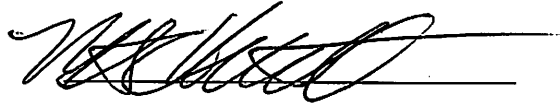
A representative for Area 5 returned to solicit a donation from the mayor and council but stated she would return another time.

A gentleman from the public stepped forward to discuss his opinion on the matrix and incentives to help maintain personnel.

A lady from the public stepped forward to offer her opinion on the budget and the outcome.

A gentleman from the public stepped forward to express his concerns of the council to the council.

Motion was made by Anderson, seconded by Sahaidachny to adjourn the meeting. All saying Aye,
Meeting Adjourned

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miles Hewitt", written over a horizontal line.

Mayor Miles Hewitt, City of Peru

Attest:

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

Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Rylands