

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

May 3, 2021

6:00PM

Public Meeting for additional appropriations was held starting at 6pm. Garry Clark, Golf Superintendent, was present to explain the reason for the additional money for the golf course. With no comments from the public, Chairman Wolfe motioned to close the public meeting at 6:15, seconded by Plohow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Meeting closed.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hewitt opened meeting at 6:16 pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Steve Anderson

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on April 5, 2021. Motion to accept the minutes, with the addition of a statement made by a council member in the meeting on April 5, 2021, was made by Russell, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL LIASION COMMUNICATIONS:

Russell reported that the Utility Board met on April 7th, and April 21st. The board approved the hiring of an engineer to design and review construction of a chemical feed system to reduce phosphorus from the Grissom Wastewater treatment plant. They also approved the disbursement for the Peru Water Upgrades to the Wabash River Main Crossing Project. Russell also reported that the Aviation Board met on April 13th reporting all hanger rents are up to date and to consider possible new projects for the year. The manager reported they sold 533 gallons of 100LL and 11 gallons of Jet A fuel were sold in March. There was a presentation by Ron Fearnow about a power point presentation he is developing about the Peru Municipal Airport. Russell said the Planning Commission cancelled this month with nothing up for discussion. The Civic Center Committee Meeting was cancelled due to illness.

Ramsey reported that the Street Department would not be able to finish the North Broadway corridor this year. There are currently four dogs at the Animal Control building. The YMCA was on schedule with their building. On May 15, 2021 there is a Ribbon Cutting ceremony scheduled for the Nickle Plate Trail opening on the Riverwalk. There is also a Fun Walk to be held for the opening of the trail.

Plohow reported that MECDA was giving her training on economic development.

Anderson reported that changes from the Ordinance Review Committee was being presented soon.

Gustin said that the Solid Waste met in May.

Wolfe reported that the BOW approved 2 new hires for the Fire department, and 2 for the Police department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE #3-2021, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH A NON-REVERTING CART PATH FUND WITHIN THE BUDGET OF THE PERU MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE WAS PRESENTED.

Motion to consider Ordinance #3-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Mark Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried

Garry Clark, Golf Superintendent, stepped forward to explain why he needs this fund, how it is funded and would be utilized. With all questions asked and answered the motion to adopt Ordinance #3-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE #4-2021, AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE #16-1968 was presented for adoption. The motion to consider Ordinance #4-2021 was made by Anderson, seconded by Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays. Discussion was opened with why the ordinance needed to be amended to allow the Golf Superintendent to be able to use the money for other uses to the course than just for irrigation repairs, replacement or updates. Garry said that the money needed to be available for future costs of repairs and or purchase of equipment for the golf course. The motion was made to adopt the ordinance with the added amendments by Betsy Wolfe, seconded by Mark Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #5-2021, WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET. (Consider only). Motion was made by Peter Sahaidachny, seconded by Steve Anderson to consider Ordinance#5-2021. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, and 0 Nays. Ordinance#5-2021 will be brought back in June for adoption.

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE #6-2021, AN ORDINANCE ADDING THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND. Motion to consider the ordinance was made by Anderson, seconded by Plothrow. After a brief explanation of why the fund needed to be established

the motion to adopt the Ordinance #6-2021 was made by Sahaidachny, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE #7-2021, AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH INTERNAL CONTROL POLICY FOR THE ARP CORONAVIRUS LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUND. Motion to consider Ordinance#7-2021 was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Steve Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. After a brief explanation of the need for the separate control for the ARP fund the motion was made to adopt Ordinance#7-2021 by Tom Gustin, seconded by Mark Ramsey. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Matt Feller, Asst. Police Chief for the Peru Police Department came forward to present to council the intent of the department to apply for a grant through the USDA to use to purchase two new police vehicles. Matt was asked how many cars they currently had available and the condition of the cars. The council inquired about how many officers were currently on the force presently. The Chief of police stepped forward to say they had about 30 cars in their inventory and were still short of having a full roster of officers. Matt informed the council that the match would be 55% grant side, with 45% city.

Several people from the Future Growth and Sustainability of Peru Committee were present to report on events they were hoping to bring to the community. Brooke Roberson was the first to speak about May being the Small Business month. Brooke thanked Mayor Hewitt for his proclamation held earlier in the morning, proclaiming the first week of May as the Small Business Week. Brooke stated that Second Saturday would be the kickoff with several events being planned for that day. She also announced that there is a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on May 15, 2021 to open the trail with a two mile Fun Walk to be held. On May 28th a Community Cruise In with sidewalk sales was being planned this year. Their next meeting would be the third Friday in May.

Donna Henderson reported that they were looking into the lack of sidewalks on Bobtail Pike. She also stated that several families in the community did not own cars and would like to find out about state grants for public transportation.

Patrick Redmon relayed information on the art available within the community and that they were in the process of planning a large art walk in the future for the city.

Samantha St. John, manager of the Miami Recycling, presented information on the Wabash River cleanup. The group goal was to educate the public on the Wabash River and how it is tested and tests clean. Most people have the misconception that the Wabash is dirty, but more education on the dirt and factors that make the river appear so would be beneficial. It was brought up that the utilities hold clean up efforts at the river twice a year and they hope to expand on those efforts. They will be going around to other communities to get more information on how they handle cleanup efforts.

Karl Rosenow, Director of the Cole Porter event announced that they are adding four new events this year. In May at the Peru Maennerchor there will be an event held on the 19th Amendment.

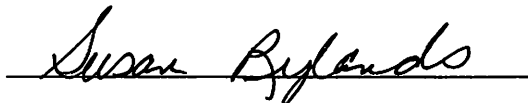
During Communications, Debi Wallick from United Way stepped forward to announce that in partnership with the city as a passthrough they were awarded \$100,000 in grant money for Child Care Assistance. Antonia Sawyer presented to the council the update on the Sharp Kiosk, Prevent Pricks program, and that the second drop box would be installed soon after they got all the permissions they needed from the surrounding neighborhood.

With no further business from council or the public the motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Chairman Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. With a show of hands and verbal ayes the meeting was 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