

* CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES *

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

December 5, 2022

6 PM

Public Meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Mayor Hewitt for Additional TIF for the Wabash River Equities LLC. Jim Tidd, Joe Molyneux, and Tom Gustin appeared in person, with Sandy Chittum on phone. They adjourned to be followed with a hearing on raising the trash fee presented to council by Adam Sheets, Street Commissioner. Mayor Hewitt closed the meeting at 5:50 PM.

Public hearing on additional appropriations for the Golf Course was opened at 5:50 by Mayor Hewitt. Garry Clark, Golf Superintendent, appeared in person to answer questions on the additional money. Mayor Hewitt closed the meeting at 6:05 PM*.

Mayor called a 5-minute break

The Common Council of the City of Peru, Indiana met in regular session at City Hall at 6:11 p.m. on December 5, 2022. The following members were present: Steve Anderson, Tom Gustin, Mark Ramsey, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny and Betsy Wolfe, Kathleen Plohow.

Others present were Mayor Hewitt, City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Rylands, City Attorney Dustin Kern, department heads and other interested persons.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Mark Ramsey

INVOCATION – led by Brent Wedding

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

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL - of minutes of Regular Meeting on November 7, 2022

Sahaidachny made a motion, seconded by Wolfe to adopt the minutes as written.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

Motion Passed

LIASON COMMUNICATIONS:

Wolfe: Reported on the Cable Committee

Ramsey: Animal Control, Street Department, and Park Department

Kathleen: Ordinance Committee and the Utility Service Board

Russell: Aviation, Civic Center

Anderson: Update on the Ambulance Grants

Sahaidachny: County Council

Gustin: Solid Waste and Central Dispatch

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

REQUEST TO HAVE THE COUNCIL REAPPOINT MARY COSTIN AS THE CITY COUNCIL APPOINTMENT TO THE PERU UTILITY SERVICE BOARD

Motion to nominate Mary Costin for reappointment to the Utility Service Board was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

MATTHEW JELENEK TO GIVE THE ANNUAL UPDATE OF TITLE VI IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE YEAR OF 2023

After hearing Jelinek's presentation Wolfe made the motion to approve the plan seconded by Russell. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 16-2022

WHEREAS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT IT IS NOW NECESSARY TO APPROPRIATE MORE MONEY THAN WAS ORIGINALLY APPROPRIATED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET. The motion to consider Resolution No. 16-2022 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 16-2022 was made by Russell, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION DECEMBER, 17-2022

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

Josh Chance, General Manager of Peru Utilities appeared in person to present the rate tracker to council.

The motion was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ramsey to consider Resolution December 17-2022. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

The motion was made to approve Resolution December, 17-2022 by Russell, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote was taken with 6 Ayes, 1 Nay.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE NO. 30, 2022

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ENTERING INTO OF A CONDITIONAL PROJECT EXPENDITURE AGREEMENT OF CITY OF PERU, INDIANA (WABASH RIVER EQUITIES LLC), AND THE DISPOSITION OF THE PROCEEDS THEREOF TO WABASH RIVER EQUITIES LLC, AND AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING OTHER ACTIONS IN RESPECT THERETO

The motion to consider Ordinance No. 30, 2022 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

The motion to approve Ordinance NO. 30, 2022 was made by Gustin, seconded by Russell. Roll call vote was taken with 1 Aye 6 Nays

MOTION DENIED

*** 5 MINUTE BREAK CALLED BY MAYOR***

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE #34-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 11, 2012

Motion to consider Ordinance 334-2022 was made by Anderson, seconded by Russell. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

Wolfe made a motion to table Ordinance #34-2022 until next month seconded by Plothrow. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays.

ORDINANCE #34-2022 WAS TABLED

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL ORDINANCE #35-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 24, 2022

Motion to consider Ordinance #35-2022 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made by Wolfe to table Ordinance #35-2022 until next meeting seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote was taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Ordinance #35-2022 TABLED

KATHLEEN PLOTHOW REQUESTED A CONTINUED FINANCIAL REPORT OF PFD STATION #2

Chief Hawk stepped forward and went through the list of questions emailed about Station #2. Plathow requested to have a meeting with the mayor, clerk/treasurer and Chief Hawk to further discuss the expenditures for the fire station #2.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilwoman Plathow asked for the utilities to provide any information they had on testing being done around the city. Josh Chance and Jamin Beisiegel from Peru Utilities gave the information that they had been provided with.

ADJOURNMENT:

Anderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gustin. All said Aye.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Miles Hewitt, Council President

Mayor of Peru, Indiana

Attest:

Susan Rylands, City Clerk Treasurer

City of Peru, Indiana