

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES**

**PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

**PERU, INDIANA**

**February 6, 2023**

**5:45**

A Public Hearing meeting was called to order concerning an additional appropriation from the American Rescue Plan. Chief Hawk presented his request for \$53,0074 as the city's match portion of the purchase price for a new ambulance.

After opportunity for input from the assembled audience, Mayor Hewitt adjourned the meeting at 6:00 pm.

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The Common Council of the City of Peru, Indiana met in regular session at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on February 6, 2023. 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 Kurt Krauskopf, City Attorney Dustin Kern, department heads and other interested persons.

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** - led by Mark Ramsey

**INVOCATION** – led by Pastor Brent Wedding

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

**READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL** - of minutes of Regular Meeting on January 9, 2023

Councilperson Sahaidachny moved, seconded by Councilperson Gustin, to suspend the rules and adopt the minutes as written.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Wolfe: Reported on the Cable Committee

Ramsey: Animal Control, Street Department, and Park Department

Kathleen: Ordinance Committee and the Utility Service Board

Russell: Nothing to report

Anderson: Nothing to report

Sahaidachny: County Council

Gustin: Solid Waste and Central Dispatch: A new solid waste director has been appointed. Also, a new rate study for Peru Utilities is upcoming.

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## **NEW BUSINESS**

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### **RESOLUTION 1-2023**

#### **ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FROM ARP FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF \$53,007**

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to consider Resolution 1-23.

Motion carried with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Fire Chief Erick Hawk reported that grants have been approved in the amount of \$182,506 for a new ambulance, with USDA providing \$129,500 and Dukes Foundation providing the balance of \$53,006. The City's portion of the cost is \$53,007.

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to adopt Resolution 1-2023. Motion carried with 7 Ayes and 0 nays.

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ORDINANCE 4-2023**

#### **AN ORDINANCE TO AMMEND ORDINANCE 24-22**

An ordinance to adjust the salaries of the code enforcement officer and the building department administrative assistant to \$42,771.00.

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey to consider Ordinance 4-23.

Motion carried with 7 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Ron Dausch presented a proposal to increase the salaries for the two positions and eliminate the position of Building Inspector. He reported that they had been covering the duties of that position and it would save the city approximately \$60,000.00.

After discussion among the council, Mr. Dausch, and Brenda Douglass, a motion to adopt Ordinance 4-2023 was made by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Russell.

Motion was rejected by a vote of 3 ayes and 4 nays, with Councilpersons Wolfe, Plothow, Anderson and Gustin voting against.

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#### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Councilperson Plothow presented a plan entitled TCE Plume Plan, concerning emissions from the former Schneider Electric facility on East Ninth Street. A copy of the proposed plan is attached to these minutes. The plan also calls for the creation of a Restoration Advisory Board. The proposed members of that group is also attached. A group of concerned citizens residing in the immediate vicinity asked questions about the current status of the environment and also about unusual odors in a particular home's drinking water. He was instructed to contact Josh Chance at Peru Utilities.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

With nothing further to come before this meeting, Councilperson Gustin made a move to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Anderson. All said Aye.

#### **MEETING ADJOURNED**

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Miles Hewitt, Council President  
Mayor of Peru, Indiana

Attest:

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Kurt Krauskopf, City Clerk Treasurer

City of Peru, Indiana

# TCE Plume Plan

## Problem:

TCE plume created by dumping and storage of TCE on the former Square D/Schneider manufacturing site in Peru, In. Contaminates have seeped into the ground water and into residential areas. Size and depth is not known at this time.

## Initial Steps;

1. Analysis of site
  - a) What is the source?
    - i) Is the source contained or a continued threat
  - b) How much TCE is still on the property?
  - c) What other chemicals besides TCE?
  - d) How deep is the contamination?
2. Plume Analysis
  - a) How large is it?
  - b) How deep is it?
  - c) What is the direction it is moving?
  - d) How many feet per year is it moving?
  - e) 5-10-15 Year Projections
3. Mitigation
  - a) Site Mitigation
  - b) Plume Mitigation
  - c) Personal & Business Property Mitigation
4. Community Relations
  - a) Be very open and transparent
    - i) Hold Several Town Hall Meetings
    - ii) Create a Restoration Advisory Board (RAB)
    - iii) Monthly Updates to Council
5. RAB: The purpose of the RAB is to provide a forum for effective two-way communication among community members, Schneider, and regulatory agencies regarding environmental restoration activities.



## RAB Advisory Committee

From: Kathleen Plathow (plothow.kl@gmail.com)

To: printwise\_peru@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, February 6, 2023 at 02:41 PM EST

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- 1-3: City Council; Steve, Betsy, Kathleen
- 4. Mayor
- 5. Miami County Commissioner
- 6. Miami County Council member
- 7. Peru Community School Board
- 8-9. Miami County Health Department
- 10. Miami County Purdue Extension
- 11. Nurse/Mental Health
- 12. Peru Utilities
- 13. MCEDA
- 14. Business owner who has worked with IDEM
- 15. Miami County Soil Management & Conservation
- 16. Miami Indian Nation of Indiana
- 17. Chaplain
- 18. Attorney
- 19. City of Peru Street Department
- 20. PPD
- 21. PFD
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