

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

July 6, 2020

The Common Council of Peru, Indiana met in regular session in person, at 6:00 p.m. on July 6, 2020. The following members were in attendance: Steve Anderson, Tom Gustin, Mark Ramsey, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny, Besty Wolfe, and Kathleen Plothow .

Others present were Mayor Hewitt, City Attorney Dustin Kern, City clerk/treasurer Susan Stanley, department heads, and other interested parties.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE: Led by Kathleen Plothow

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on June 1, 2020

Council Chairman Gustin moved to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of the minutes of the regular meeting on March 2, 2020 and seconded by Councilman Anderson

Roll Call: 7 Ayes

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Councilwoman Russell presented the news she received from the aviation board meeting she had attended this month. She reported that they will be having their annual Fly-In event this year on July 25, 2020 or on the 26th if it rains. They are also looking for pilots to volunteer for a charity event coming up and to contact Ron Spear at the airport if interested.

Councilwoman Plothow thanked Dave Moon and the Mayor for working together to live stream the 4th of July fireworks this year at the park. Many people outside of the state reported that they were thrilled to see their hometown fireworks. Councilwoman Plothow also brought up that she felt the council members and city employees should have diversity training. Council Plothow was also asking that the city should find the money to pay for this training. It was then suggested that the people who were in contact with Plothow put in a request to appear in front of the council with their request in person to discuss what training are they referring to specifically and what end goal for this training did they have in mind and why they thought this would be helpful.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

The council met in an executive meeting prior to the council meeting to discuss the resumes they had for the vacant seat on the Utility Service Board. The council then brought up for consideration to vote on the vacancy by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilman Anderson. A motion to appoint Dave Van Baalen to fill the vacancy by Chairman Gustin was made, seconded by Councilwoman Wolfe. Roll call vote was taken and there were 7 ayes 0 nays motion was carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION#10-2020

Motion was made by Chairman Gustin to consider, seconded by Councilman Anderson. The clerk-treasurer explained why these two appropriations were needed. The first appropriation was to purchase a new leaf machine bought with the street department money from their special non-reverting fund. The second appropriation was to pay for the tough pads that needed purchased to replace the outdated pads that no longer could be used. Motion to adopt made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilman Anderson.

MOTION CARRIED

JOINT RESOLUTION 2020

Motion to consider Joint Resolution 2020 was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded Councilman Anderson. Jim Tidd appeared in person to discuss why the j-turns were not a feasible solution to traffic issues where they are scheduled to be constructed to be used. This would make it more dangerous and difficult for the semi-truck drivers to have to use when entering and leaving. Motion to adopt Joint Resolution 2020 was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilman Anderson. Roll call vote was taken.

MOTION CARRIED

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jim Tidd stepped forward to update the progress on the CSX property since the 10 acres was signed over to the YMCA to begin their building project. Mr. Tidd stated that they will begin to receive bids for development of the remaining acres. Mr. Tidd also stated that in or around October there is the plan to resume work on the Nickelplate Trail.

Betsy Wolfe introduced Dan Mongosa who is here in town to paint an angel wing mural on the building occupied by Pat Roberts. Dan Mongosa stated that this art project just recently starting to be done in Indiana, with Peru being about the 3rd city to engage in this project. Once the wings are complete, people can stand in front of them to be photographed.

The Mayor gave on update on when the Main Street paving project was to begin, and which sections were included in this year's plan. He also updated the people on the railroad crossings that are in need of repair.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilwoman Russell to adjourn. All on the council replied by saying aye.

MOTION CARRIED

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Mayor Miles Hewitt, City of Peru In

Attest:

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Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Stanley