

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MEETINGS MINUTES

September 14, 2020

An Open Public Meeting to present the proposed budget for 2021 was held at 6pm before the regularly scheduled monthly council meeting. Motion to open was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Ramsey. Eric Walsh of Baker/Tilley stepped forward to explain and answer any questions regarding the proposed budget for 2021. After going over the summary for the budget, the revenues and answering questions a motion to close the meeting was made by Besty Wolfe, seconded by Tom Gustin. Roll call vote with 6 ayes and meeting was closed.

The Common Council of Peru, Indiana met in regular session in person, at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2020. The following members were in attendance: Tom Gustin, Mark Ramsey, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny, Besty Wolfe, and Kathleen Plohow.

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 Pete Sahaidachny

INVOCATION: Brent Wedding

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

READING AND CORRECTING JOURNAL- of the minutes of the Regular meeting on August 3, 2020

Council Chairman Gustin moved to suspend the rules and dispense with the reading and correcting of the minutes of the regular meeting on August 3, 2020 and seconded by Councilman Ramsey.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes

MOTION CARRIED

COUNCIL LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS:

Mark Ramsey reported that Relay for Life is holding an event in the Maconaquah park in September. Ramsey reported that the golf club house has a new manager, Jeff Grant. Ramsey reported that he has received multiple complaints about people using the walkway. Motorized vehicles on the walkway, bicycle riders not yielding to walkers and people with dogs not cleaning up after their dogs.

Patricia Russell reported that the money gained from the Fly In event at the airport was being donated to a couple of charities. She also reported that they now have a courtesy car for the pilots to use to go into town and back while their plane is parked at the airport.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

*CITY RESOLUTION TO ESTABLISH RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY FOR THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA.

Josh Chance of the utilities stepped forward to explain the new rates. Motion to consider was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Pete Sahaidachny. Roll call vote with 6 ayes. Motion to adopt was made by Tom Gustin, seconded again by Pete Sahaidachny. Roll call vote with 6 ayes.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion was made to amend the agenda by Tom Gustin, seconded by Pete Sahaidachny. Roll call vote was taken, 6 Ayes MOTION CARRIED

PERU CITY LIBRARY NEEDS CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENTS SIGNATURE FOR FUNDING PAPERWORK

Motion to accept the request was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Pete Sahaidachny. Roll call vote with 6 Ayes, motion passed.

REQUEST BY BRENDA WEAVER TO PLACE A STATUE OF MARIE STUART EDWARDS ON THE GROUNDS OF THE PERU CITY LIBRARY GROUND.

Brenda Weaver explained that the statue is a gift and would like to place it on the library grounds. Brenda also explained that the library board denied the request as they did not want to have to maintain the statue and did not think they had the funds to do so. Besty Wolfe explained how important this lady was to the suffragette movement and to the city of Peru. Motion to accept the request was made by Tom Gustin, seconded by Besty Wolfe. Roll call vote 6 Ayes. Allison Paul, president of the Library Board stepped forward to thank the council and share how she, an immigrant, got her citizenship in 2011 and still carries her voters registration card proudly and is thrilled to know the statue is to be placed where it should be on library grounds.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Plothow questioned why the firefighters were only to receive a 2% raise, while the police were receiving a larger increase in pay. The Mayor gave a detailed explanation of why each was getting the raise they were scheduled to receive in 2021. When Plothow asked to discuss the budget, the city attorney stated it would be brought up in the next months reading for the first reading.

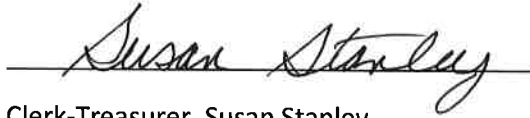
ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business to discuss, motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Gustin, seconded by Councilwoman Plothow. 5 Ayes, as Councilwoman Wolfe had departed, and meeting was adjourned.



Mayor Miles Hewitt, City of Peru In

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer, Susan Stanley