

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

June 6, 2023

5:45

A special meeting was held prior to the scheduled council meeting to conduct public hearings on four items.

Resolution 12- 2023 was presented to establish the rate tracking factor for the municipal electric utility of the City of Peru Indiana for the third quarter, 2023.

Resolution 13-2023 Additional appropriation from the ARP fund for equipment and repairs in the City of Peru Indiana.

Resolution 14-2023 Additional appropriation from Public Safety LOIT for equipment for the Peru Police Department

Resolution 15-2023 A resolution authorizing the city Clerk-Treasurer to appropriate Local Income Tax Funds to the City of Peru Municipal Budget

Meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Mayor Hewitt called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council to order at 6:00 pm on June 5, 2023. The following members were present: Steve Anderson, Tom Gustin, Mark Ramsey, Peter Sahaidachny, Betsy Wolfe, and Kathleen Plohow.

Others present were Mayor Hewitt, City Clerk/Treasurer Kurt Krauskopf, City Attorney Dustin Kern, department heads and other interested persons and members of the community.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Pete Sahaidachny

INVOCATION – led by Pastor Brent Wedding

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

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL - of minutes of Regular Meeting on May 1, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Plohow, to adopt the minutes.

Roll Call: 6 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Communications:

Wolfe: Reported on the Civic Center event this coming weekend and the new Civic Center board member.

Ramsey: Reported on the Animal Control Department. They currently have 5 dogs. He also reported storm water drainage issues on German Street.

Plothow: Reported on the Parks Board meeting, vandalism at the parks, how they are addressing it

Anderson: Reported on the volleyball pit being constructed on West Canal Street.

Sahaidachny: Reported on business conducted by the Peru Board of Works and the Miami County council.

Gustin: Reported on problems with the Recycling issues behind Hardees. Ron Dausch is addressing them

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 12, 2023

AN RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF PERU INDIANA FOR THE THIRD QUARTER, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, moved to consider Resolution 12, 2023. Motion carried. Josh Chance reviewed the numbers for the upcoming third quarter, and the average decrease in its schedule of rates for the third quarter will be \$-0.040285 per kilowatt hour. This will be applicable during July, August, and September,

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to adopt Resolution 12-2023. Motion passed with a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 13, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to consider Resolution 13, 2023.
Motion carried.

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget for 2023; and,

Sec. 1. Be it ordained by the Peru City Council that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety LOIT Fund 2440 and for the purposes specified, and subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: ARP Fund 2406	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Machine, Equipment, Vehicles, Furniture (451)	\$ 886,891.00
Total	\$ 886,891.00

The department heads had previously met and submitted their requests for the second round of ARP distributions. This amount was approximately 1/2 of the remaining balance in the fund. The Department of the Treasury requires the funds to be obligated by 12/31/2024 and disbursed by 12/31/2026. A list was distributed to each council member, along with the quotes that had been provided to the Clerk Treasurer. The council had a few questions for the department heads.

It was moved by Councilperson Gustin, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to adopt Resolution 13, 2023. Motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 14-2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to consider Resolution 14, 2023.
Motion carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget for 2023, and

Sec 1. Be it ordained by the Peru City Council that for the expenses of the taxing unit the following sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the Public Safety LOIT Fund 2440 and for the purposes specified, and subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: Public Safety LOIT Fund 2440	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Machine, Equipment, Vehicles, Furniture (451)	\$70,000.00
Total	\$70,000.00

Chief Sofianos explained the need for in-vehicle cameras for the Police Department. They need to be purchased from the same vendor that has previously supplied the Tasers and the body cameras due to software compatibility. We will be purchasing them over a five- year period, with annual payments of \$70,000 due each year.

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to adopt Resolution 14, 2023. Motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION 15-2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to consider Resolution 15-2023 Motion Carried.

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY CLERK-TREASURER TO APPROPRIATE LOCAL INCOME TAX FUNDS TO THE CITY OF PERU 2023 MUNICIPAL BUDGET

WHEREAS, the City of Peru, Indiana (the “City”) has budgeted a certain amount of funds that are used for municipal operational purposes of the City; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than what was appropriated in the annual budget as a certain appropriation is needed in order to continue this fund’s intended purpose and operation; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is desirous to authorize the City Clerk-Treasurer of the City to make such appropriation; and

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing has been held in accordance with Indiana law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council for the City of Peru, Indiana meeting in regular session as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby authorizes the City Clerk-Treasurer to make the following appropriation from the cash balances of the Local Income Tax Fund in order to extend water, sewer, and roadway infrastructure into Broadway Landing

Section 2.

Fund Name	Purpose Specified	Amount
Local Income Tax Fund #2268	Local Match for READI project Broadway Landing extension of infrastructure	\$1,000,000

Section 3. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect upon passage and in accordance with Indiana law.

ALL OF WHICH IS RESOLVED by the Common Council of the City of Peru, Indiana, this 5th day of June 2023.

Jim Tidd with MCEDA explained the second READI grant is for installation of infrastructure in the proposed Broadway Landing development on the west side of North Broadway. This will allow for the construction of water and sewer lines, and an access road to encourage future development. It will require a \$1 million dollar match from CEDIT to obtain the \$1 Million-dollar READI grant from the state.

Councilperson Wolfe made a motion to adopt Resolution 15-2023, seconded by councilperson Anderson. Motion Carried.

MOTION CARRIED

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A motion was made to amend the agenda and allow Ordinance 14-2023 to be added to the agenda.

Motion Carried with a vote of 6 ayes, and 0 nays.

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey , to consider Ordinance 14-2023. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 14, 2023

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE A NORTH/SOUTH ALLEY IN THE CITY OF PERU

WHEREAS; A PETITION TO VACATE a portion of the undeveloped North/South Alley bounded by the north by parcel # 52-08-27-217-010.000-016, commonly known as 157 N Tippecanoe, bounded by the south, E 8th Street, bounded by the west by parcel # 52-08-27-217-009.000-016, commonly known as 202 E 8th, bounded by the east parcel #52-08-27-217-008.000-016, commonly known as 214 E 8th. After Public Notice and Public meeting on the 30th day of May, 2023 the City of Peru Planning Commission has given its **Favorable/Unfavorable** Recommendation and therefore submits their recommendation to the City of Peru Common Council for final action.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

SECTION 1: The following described bounded by the north by parcel # 52-08-27-217-010.000-016, commonly known as 157 N Tippecanoe, bounded by the south, E 8th Street, bounded by the west by parcel # 52-08-27-217-009.000-016, commonly known as 202 E 8th, bounded by the east parcel #52-08-27-217-008.000-016, commonly known as 214 E 8th. Said petitioner Amy Wilson. All existing Easements now in effect will continue in perpetuity.

SECTION 2: Said North/South Alley is not necessary for the development growth to the City of Peru, Indiana. That such proposed vacation is for the public good.

SECTION 3: Public Utilities for Electric, Gas, Phone and Cable have given their approval and all easement rights to this undeveloped street remain in effect for the above.

Joe Molyneux presented this ordinance on behalf of the Peru Planning Commission. They gave their Favorable recommendation.

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to adopt Ordinance 14-2023. Motion carried with a vote of 6 ayes and 0 nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Councilperson Plothow made a motion, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to amend the agenda and allow a presentation by Garry Clark from the Golf Course and the Parks Board. Motion Carried.

Mr. Clark presented some information about the need to allocate funds to have a firm coordinate the process for the new irrigation system at the golf course. He distributed a list of references for

the company he was considering using. The cost would be about \$15,000, paid for from the non-reverting fund. He also was requesting funds from the non-reverting fund for sprinkler heads in the amount of \$10,000. Some discussion and questions were fielded from the council. Allison Paul from the Parks Board also addressed the council expressing her concerns about the condition of the facilities in the parks. She wasn't asking for a financial commitment at this time, but a long-term plan needs to be done in the very near future.

Mayor Hewitt announced that the July City Council meeting will be moved to July 10, one week later than originally scheduled. The July 4th holiday is on a Tuesday this year, the day after the original meeting date.. He felt many people may have extended weekend plans and may not have been able to come back for the July 3rd meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

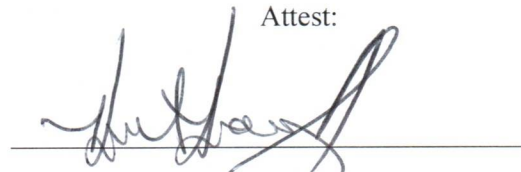
There being nothing further, Councilperson Gustin moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Miles Hewitt, Council
President
Mayor of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Kurt Krauskopf, City Clerk Treasurer

City of Peru, Indiana