

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

July 10, 2023

Mayor Hewitt called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council to order at 6:00 pm on July 10, 2023. The following members were present: Tom Gustin, Mark Ramsey, Peter Sahaidachny, and Betsy Wolfe.

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 Mark Ramsey

INVOCATION – led by Pastor Brent Wedding

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

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL - of minutes of the Regular Meeting on June 5, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL - of minutes of the Special Meeting on June 20, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

Communications:

Wolfe: Reported on Councilperson Anderson being absent due to medical issues.

Ramsey: Reported on the Animal Control Department. They currently have 7 dogs. Scratching Post Cat Rescue is preparing to move into their new building by the end of the month. They currently have over 200 cats.

Russell: Reported on the Civic Center and advised that Josh Yoder is a new board member there. Also, the Aviation Open House is at the end of July. They charity they are supporting this year is the CCFI.

Sahaidachny: Reported on a new Stop sign that has been installed at the corner of Brownell and West Canal streets to slow the speed of traffic on West Canal Street.

Gustin: Reported that there will be Sold Waste beautification day this year. They received no bids for dumpsters to allow this to occur.

OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 15, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Russell, to consider Ordinance 15, 2023. Motion Carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 8, 2018

WHEREAS, the City of Peru has caused public notice to be placed in the Peru Tribune.

WHEREAS, Section 36.02 of the City of Peru Code of Ordinances shall be amended to reflect necessary changes.

WHEREAS, Section 73.14 of the City of Peru Code of Ordinances regulates the parking of Oversized Vehicles on city streets and or in alleys.

penalties for Oversized Vehicles, which is an oversight and was not the intention of the City Council when adopting Ordinance #8-2018.

WHEREAS, Section 36.02 of the City of Peru Code of Ordinances shall be amended to reflect:

(F) – Any person receiving a ticket or notice of a parking violation under PMC Section 73.14 – Oversized Vehicle Parking, shall be fined \$150.00 for the first offense, and an additional \$25.00 for each subsequent offense, but not to exceed \$250.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA, That:

1. It is in the best interest of the City of Peru to amend section 36.02 of the city of Peru ordinances.

2 To reflect the necessary amendments to section 36.02 of the City of Peru Code of Ordinance Book, said Section shall add Section (F), which shall read as follows: (F) Any person receiving a ticket or notice of a parking violation under PMC Section 73.14 – Oversized Vehicle Parking, shall be fined \$150.00 for the first offense, and an additional \$25.00 for each subsequent offense, but not to exceed \$250.00

Councilperson Russell moved, seconded by Councilperson Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 15, 2023 Motion carried with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.



ORDINANCE 16, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to consider Ordinance 16, 2023. Motion carried.

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

WHEREAS; A PETITION TO VACATE a proposed road on the property of 89 E Warren St Parcel # 52-08-34-101-034.000-023 Legal description 022-14426-00 STUTS 2nd AD; LOT 20 44 144 02600. After Public Notice and Public meeting on the 27th day of June 2023 the City of Peru Planning Commission has given its **Favorable** 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:** bounded by the north Warren St, by the South a public alley. Bounded by the East and West by petitioner’s property 85 E Warren and 89 E Warren. Said

petitioner Teresa Williams. All existing Easements now in effect will continue in perpetuity.

- **SECTION 2:** Said Road 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 developed street remain in effect for the above.

Councilperson Russell moved, seconded by Councilperson Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 16, 2023. Motion passed with a vote of 5 ayes, 0 nays.

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCE 17, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to consider Ordinance 17, 2023. Motion carried.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 5, 2002

WHEREAS, the City of Peru Plan Commission has request amendments to the Zoning Code and has caused public notice to be placed in the Peru Tribune,

WHEREAS, Section 151.064(A) of the City of Peru Code of Ordinances shall be amended to reflect necessary changes,

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the City of Peru, that Section 151.064(A) of the City of Peru Code of Ordinances be amended to reflect necessary changes,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA, That:

1. It is in the best interest of the City of Peru to amend Section 151.064(A) of the City of Peru Zoning Code of Ordinances.

2. Section 151.064(A) currently reads as follows:

(A) No dwelling shall be erected on any lot that does not have the minimum square footage prescribed in the following table:

Kind of Dwellings	A1	R1	R3	B1	B2	B3
Single Family with community sewage disposal system	18,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
Single Family with individual disposal system	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Multi-Family with community sewage disposal system	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Multi-Family with individual sewage disposal system	43,560	43,560	43,560	43,560	43,560	43,560

1. To reflect the necessary amendments to Section 151.064(A) of the City of Peru Code of Ordinance Book, said Section shall now be amended to read as follows:

(A) No dwelling shall be erected on any lot that does not have the minimum square footage prescribed in the following table:

Kind of Dwellings	A1	R1	R3	B1	B3
Single Family with community sewage disposal system	18,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000
Single Family with individual disposal sewage disposal system	30,000	8,000	8,000	8,000	8,000
Multi-Family with community Sewage disposal system`	25,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
Multi-Family with individual sewage disposal system	43,560	43,560	43,560	43,560	43,560

Councilperson Russell moved, seconded by Councilperson Wolfe, to adopt Ordinance 17, 2023. Motion passed with a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

RESOLUTION 8, 2023

Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Ramsey, to consider Resolution 8, 2023. Motion Carried.

**ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION
CITY OF PERU, MIAMI COUNTY, 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 additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of fund 2401 Golf Course Irrigation Fund and for the purposes specified, and subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: Golf Course Irrigation Fund

	AMOUNT REQUESTED
Irrigation Repairs (2204)	\$ 25,000.00
Total	\$ 25,000.00

Garry Clark from the Golf Course explained the need for repairs to the irrigation system. He presented quotes for new sprinkler heads. He was also requesting approximately \$15,000 for a study to determine the cost of replacing the entire sprinkler system. It has numerous leaks and is in dire need of repair. Councilperson Wolfe moved, seconded by Councilperson Sahaidachny, to approve the expenditure. Motion carried with a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED

Communications:

A question from the audience concerned the 2-hour parking limit in downtown Peru. Chief Sofianos explained that it is difficult to monitor and enforce. The Supreme Court disallowed the previous practice of chalk marking tires, so the officers would have to observe the entire 2 hours to be able to enforce the violation. It is not cost effective.

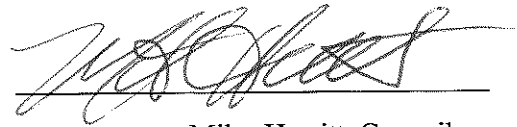
A question was asked concerning the security cameras around the parks. Vandalism has become quite common during the summer months. The taxpayer was advised that replacement cameras and equipment

have been ordered and will be installed as soon as it arrives. Funding was just approved at the June 20th special meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

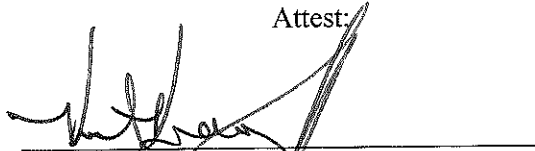
There being nothing further, Councilperson Wolfe moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Councilperson Gustin. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED



Miles Hewitt, Council
President
Mayor of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Kurt Krauskopf, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana