

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS  
AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA,**

**August 1, 2023**

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The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Peru, Indiana, met in regular session at 4:00 August 1 , 2023, with the following members present: Mayor Miles Hewitt, Board members Matthew Jelenek and Ron Dausch, Clerk-Treasurer Kurt Krauskopf, City Attorney Dustin Kern. Also in attendance were department heads and other interested parties.

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A motion was made by Board Member Dausch, seconded by Board Member Jelenek to approve the minutes from the July 18, 2023, meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

Payment of Claims:	\$ 341,110.17	Motion-Jelenek	Second-Dausch
Regular Payroll	\$ 205,233.63	Motion-Dausch	Second-Jelenek
Pension Payroll	\$ 88,667.30	Motion-Dausch	Second- Jelenek
City Council	\$ 3,990.77	Motion-Jelenek	Second- Dausch

**MOTIONS CARRIED**

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

**No Old Business**

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

A request from Anita's Boutique was presented to closed off the first ½ block of West Sixth Street on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday mornings to conduct an outdoor flea market. Nobody was in attendance from Anita's Boutique to explain the request. Board Member Dausch moved to table the request until more information was available. Board Member Jelenek seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED TO TABLE THE REQUEST**

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A request was presented by the Miami County YMCA to host a Pickleball tournament on Saturday, September 23 from 8am to 5pm. Caleb Bragg, representing the YMCA, said this is a fundraiser for Special Olympics. They would also like to use the area between the Pickleball courts and Miamisfort. Board member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Greg Douglas, Animal Control Officer, presented a case concerning two dogs that had attacked and killed a cat. There was video that Mr. Douglas had reviewed from a porch camera, and it showed one of the dogs having the cat in its mouth and shaking it. The dogs had gotten loose due to the owner's not securing their door. He was recommending the dogs be labeled vicious.

The dog's owner presented his case that the dogs were loose due to one of the owner's children not securely latching the exterior door. He stated that they are not vicious toward anything except cats. The owners have subsequently moved out of the city to Santa Fe.

A neighbor corroborated his story about the dogs not showing any aggression toward people.

The cat's owners presented their case that the cat was not aggressive and did not cause the issue. The cat was very skittish and was most likely trying to get away and hide.

After some discussion among the board members, it was decided to have the dogs be listed as vicious. However, because the owners have subsequently moved, it was decided not to have the dogs put down.

Board member Dausch moved, seconded by Board member Jelenek to approve that recommendation.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Chief Sofianos made two requests for change of status for two officers. Jonathan Cruz has successfully completed all mandated training required by the State of Indiana and the Peru Police Department. It was recommended that his status be changed to full time status. Board member Dausch moved, seconded by Board Member Jelenek, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Chief Sofianos requested that James Armstrong be changed to full-time status. He has completed all mandated training required by the State of Indiana and the Peru Police Department. Board member Jelenek moved, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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The Clerk Treasurer opened a bid for property located at 107 Daniel Street. Only one bid was received. The bid was as follows:

David and Susan Clemans      \$1,000.00

Board Member Dausch moved to consider the bid as presented, seconded by Board Member Jelenek.

**MOTION CARRIED**

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Rediscover Downtown Peru, represented by Kati Roberts, requested additional street closures to be able to conduct Second Saturdays. The street closure would be the first 1/2 block on West Fifth Street from 7am to 7pm. The dates requested are August 12, September 9, October 14, and November 11.

Board member Dausch moved, seconded by Board member Jelenek to approve the request.

**MOTION CARRIED**

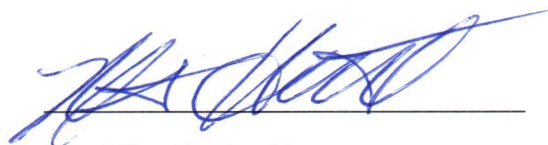
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**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**NONE**

With nothing further to come before this board, Board Member Jelenek moved, seconded by Board Member Dausch, to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION CARRIED**



Miles Hewitt, Mayor

City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:



Kurt Krauskopf Clerk Treasurer City of Peru Indiana