

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PERU, INDIANA
January 8, 2024

Mayor Don Sturch called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council to order at 6:00 pm on January 8, 2024. The following members were present: Steve Anderson, Tim Fisher, Robert Huber, Brandi Murphy, Peter Sahaidachny, Drew Stevenson, and Arica Ulery.

Others present were 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 Tim Fisher

INVOCATION – led by Pastor Brent Wedding

ROLL CALL – Anderson, Fisher, Huber, Murphy, Sahaidachny, Stevenson and Ulery were all present.

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL – of minutes of the Regular Meeting on December 4, 2023.

Councilperson Sahaidachny moved, seconded by Councilperson Huber, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL – of minutes of the Special Meeting on December 18, 2023.

Councilperson Sahaidachny moved, seconded by Councilperson Huber, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTIONS CARRIED

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

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Election of Council President Pro-Temp for 2024

Councilperson Anderson nominated Tim Fisher for the position of President Pro-Temp for the current council year. Councilperson Stevenson seconded.

Councilperson Sahaidachny moved the nominations be closed. Motion carried with a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Motion Carried.

Councilperson Fisher was elected to the position of President Pro-Temp.

Appointment of Council Liaison Assignments for 2024

The Councilpersons had previously met after the election and prior to being sworn in to discuss their preferences for committee assignments. At this meeting, they stated they were happy with the assignments they had chosen and did not wish to make any changes. A copy of the assignments is attached to these minutes.

Councilperson Sahaidachny moved, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to consider Peru Utilities Service Board Resolution 15-23. Motion passed with a vote of 7 ayes, 0 nays.

PERU UTILITIES SERVICE BOARD RESOLUTION 15-23

SALARIES FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND UTILITY SERVICE BOARD MEMBERS

Whereas, the Peru Utility Service Board has the responsibility for establishing the compensation of its employees and for recommending the annual salary to be paid from Utility funds to the Mayor, Clerk-Treasurer, and Utility Service Board Members.

Now, Therefore, be it resolved that the following salaries be established for the City of Peru Common Council for their consideration and approval for 2024: Mayor \$28,281.47 and Clerk Treasurer \$18,710.89 and Utility Service Board Members \$6,108.19.

Clerk Treasurer explained to the council that the Utilities contributes funds to help pay the salaries of the mayor and clerk treasurer. This is a payment in lieu of taxes and they have been doing this for many years. The city owns the utilities and rather than charge them taxes, they pay portions of these wages as compensation for work performed on behalf of the utilities.

Councilperson Huber moved, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to adopt Resolution 15-23. Motion passed with a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

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Police Chief Feller presented Michael Vinopal as the new Assistant Chief. He read a list of Officer Vinopal's ranks and accomplishments. Clerk Treasurer Krauskopf then administered the Oath of Office to Assistant Chief Vinopal.

Fire Chief Daine then presented the firefighters who had assumed a new rank as of January 1, 2024. The new Assistant Chiefs are Hayden Sturch and Jeromy Hileman, joining Mark Bowyer Assistant Chief. Clerk Treasurer Krauskopf then administered the Oath of Office to all the Assistant Chiefs.

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Mayor Sturch presented Bruce Carson as his nominee for the position of Building Commissioner. Councilperson Fisher moved, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to approve the hiring of Bruce Carson as Building Commissioner. Motion carried with a vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

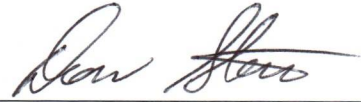
Communications:

None of the newly appointed council members had any reports. Councilperson Huber expressed his excitement on the committees to which he had been appointed.

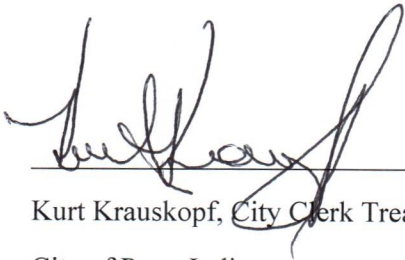
ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED



Don Sturch, Council President
Mayor of Peru Indiana



Kurt Krauskopf, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana