

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES

PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

PERU, INDIANA

April 1, 2024

Mayor Don Sturch called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Common Council to order at 6:00 pm on April 1, 2024.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Bob Huber

INVOCATION – led by Pastor Brent Wedding

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

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL – of minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 4, 2024.

Councilperson Stevenson moved, seconded by Councilperson Murphy, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented.

Roll Call: 5 Ayes 0 Nays

MOTION CARRIED

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Murphy: Stated she had attended the Park Board meeting

Fisher: He attended the Peru Utilities meeting they discussed wastewater upgrades. and the MCEDA meeting on 3/13, where the Interlocal Stellar Program was discussed. He attended the Recycling District meeting, and they are adding additional recycling bins due to the drop off location behind Hardees being closed. He also attended the Rediscover Downtown and Central Dispatch meetings.

Sahaidachny: Reported on the last Board of Works Arts Festival will be held May 11th. County Council on 3/19 discussed Immunization Grant and possibility of hiring full time nurse.

Huber: He reported Animal Control board discussed currently having 7 dogs in house, ventilation system, along with the shade at the dog park being installed and making sure it is placed correctly and secured. Sanitation will begin their downtown clean this month. Airport will be holding their open house on September 7.

Stevenson: He reported that MCEDA is set to begin the Forest Street project that has been funded by READI Grant. Work is to start approximately April 1st and end approximately August 31st.

OLD BUSINESS: RESOLUTION 3-2024, RESOLUTION 4-2024 and ORDINANCE 5-2024 were all tabled.

NEW BUSINESS:

Chief Daine presented Firemen Matt Sturch and Joshua Schaeffer outlining their recent 40 hours of training on Confined Spaces and Hazardous Material. He stated a lot of this training is done on the firemen’s personal time and that both are now Tech Level in Hazmat.

Jim Tidd with MCEDA presented the Council with the 2023 TIF Management Report. He explained what areas in the city are in the TIF district and how exactly TIF works. Jim reviewed expenditures and fund balances for 2023.



CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL
RESOLUTION # 9 - 2024

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU APPROVING THE INTERLOCAL PARTNERSHIP FOR THE INDIANA STELLAR PATHWAYS PROGRAM

In accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-7-1 et. Seq., the City of Peru, the town of Bunker Hill, the town of Converse, Miami County, and the Miami County Economic Development Authority all of which entities are located in Miami County, Indiana, enter into this Interlocal Governmental Agreement (the “Agreement”) and agree as follows:

WHEREAS, The Indiana Stellar Pathways program is a multi-agency partnership designed to recognize smaller communities and regions to assist in community and economic development;

WHEREAS, through annual designation, the Stellar Pathways program provides resources for transformative quality of place, community and regional improvements by fostering regional collaborative behaviors and investments;

WHEREAS, the Stellar Pathways Designees have the opportunity to apply for funding and support from various Indiana agencies which funding includes, but is not limited to those agencies listed on “Attachment 1”;

WHEREAS, the City of Peru, the town of Bunker Hill, the town of Converse, Miami County, and the Miami County Economic Development Authority (hereinafter referred to individually as a “regional partner” and collectively as “the Regional Team”) have come together as a region to apply for the Stellar Pathways program.

WHEREAS, the implementation of a successful Stellar Pathways program requires other resources including the sustained commitment of a staff and of the governing bodies of the Regional Team; and

WHEREAS, the Regional Team members now desire to enter into this Interlocal Governmental Agreement (“Agreement”) which will ensure that the sustained commitment exists to provide the support and structure necessary to successfully apply for and implement the Stellar Pathways program.

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

1. The Common Council has partnered with the Miami County Economic Development Authority for participation in the Stellar Pathways program creating Accelerate Miami County.
2. Accelerate Miami County has attended a mandatory Stellar Pathways program workshop.
3. If chosen as a Stellar Pathway participant, develop a Strategic Investment Plan with a qualified consulting team.
4. Present the Region’s Strategic Investment Plan to the Stellar Pathways Committee.
5. If chosen as a Stellar Pathways Designee, implement Strategic Investment Plan projects and programs with the use of set-aside funding, bonus points, and annual funding rounds within five years of designation.
6. Attend quarterly meetings during those -years to measure project completion, success, and obstacles.

Councilperson Huber moved, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to consider Resolution 9-2024. Motion carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Jim Tidd from MCEDA explained that the Stellar Pathways Program has taken a different approach since Covid, it is now a regional approach. That Miami County along with Peru, Bunker Hill and Converse would enter into this Local Governmental Agreement. That the first phase of the grant is the Resolution supporting the agreement along with a letter of intent due by May 1st. The finalist will be announced by June 1st and with that is a \$50,000 grant for strategic planning. There will be 2 winners of the 9-million-dollar grant, and they will be announced in January. Jim stated that this grant will be very competitive.

Councilperson Huber moved, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to approve Resolution 9-2024. Motion carried with a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED



ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO. 10-2024

Whereas, it has been determined that it is now necessary to appropriate more money than was originally appropriated in the annual budget; now, therefore:

Sec. 1. Be it ordained (resolved) by the Common Council of Peru, IN, Miami County, that for the expenses of the taxing unit, the following additional sums of money are hereby appropriated out of the funds named and for the purposes specified, subject to laws governing the same:

Fund Name: 2257-Opioid Restricted Fund	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ <u>3,000.00</u>	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ _____	\$ _____

Township Assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for <u>2257</u> Fund:	\$ 3,000.00	\$ _____

Councilperson Sahaidachny moved, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to consider Resolution 10-2024. Motion carried by a vote of 5 Ayes, 0 Nays.



Communication: Councilperson Huber stated he would like to thank Homestead Barns for the benches, trashcans and bike racks that were placed. He stated that they were funded by a grant from T-Mobile that was received by the Chamber of Commerce.

Councilperson Fisher also noted that there are currently 2 open positions on the Cable Committee that if anyone was interested to submit their letter to the Mayor's office.

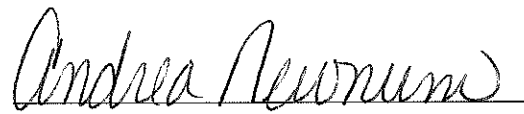
ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED



Don Sturch, Council President
Mayor of Peru Indiana



Andrea Newnum, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana