

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
 PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 PERU, INDIANA
 SPECIAL MEETING
 DECEMBER 2, 2024 @ 5:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

ROLL CALL- Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

PRESENT: Steve Anderson, Tim Fisher, Bob Huber, Brandi Murphy, Drew Stevenson and Aricka Ulery. Pete Sahaidachny is absent.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

A motion was made by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson to consider Resolution 21-2024, Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO 21-2024

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: FIRE TERRITORY FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ <u>183,394.00</u>	\$ <u>183,394.00</u>
TOTAL for 3319 Fund:	\$ <u>183,394.00</u>	\$ <u>183,394.00</u>

2 Pumper Trucks approved in October meeting

Fund Name: CEDIT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ <u>38,000.00</u>	\$ <u>38,000.00</u>
TOTAL for 2268 Fund:	\$ <u>38,000.00</u>	\$ <u>38,000.00</u>

New Truck for Golf Course

Fund Name: PARK	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ <u>21,583.04</u>	\$ <u>21,583.04</u>
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>127,916.96</u>	\$ <u>127,916.96</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2204 Fund:	\$ <u>149,500.00</u>	\$ <u>149,500.00</u>

Fund Name: NonReverting PARK	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>8,969.11</u>	\$ <u>8,969.11</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2211 Fund:	\$ <u>8,969.11</u>	\$ <u>8,969.11</u>

Fund Name: AVIATION	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ <u>8,500.00</u>	\$ <u>8,500.00</u>
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2206 Fund:	\$ <u>8,500.00</u>	\$ <u>8,500.00</u>

Fund Name: PERPETUATION FUND	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>2,942.84</u>	\$ <u>2,942.84</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2230 Fund:	\$ <u>2,942.84</u>	\$ <u>2,942.84</u>

Fund Name: OPIOD UNRESTRICTED	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>200.00</u>	\$ <u>200.00</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2256 Fund:	\$ <u>200.00</u>	\$ <u>200.00</u>

Fund Name: CABLE TV SERVICE	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ <u>5,085.00</u>	\$ <u>5,085.00</u>
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>5,800.00</u>	\$ <u>5,800.00</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2265 Fund:	\$ <u>10,885.00</u>	\$ <u>10,885.00</u>

Fund Name: UNAPPROPRIATED DEFERRALAMOUNT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
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Major Budget Classification:

Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>5,312.00</u>	\$ <u>5,312.00</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2269 Fund:	\$ <u>5,312.00</u>	\$ <u>5,312.00</u>

Fund Name: GOLF NONREVERTING

AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
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Major Budget Classification:

Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2256 Fund:	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>	\$ <u>1,200.00</u>

Fund Name: POLICE HONOR GUARD

AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
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Major Budget Classification:

Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>1,466.51</u>	\$ <u>1,466.51</u>
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for 2507 Fund:	\$ <u>1,466.51</u>	\$ <u>1,466.51</u>

Uniforms

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to suspend the rules and adopt Resolution 21-2024 in one meeting. Vote 4-1 **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Huber to consider Resolution 24-2024. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

APPROPRIATION TRANSFER RESOLUTION 24-2024

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU, MIAMI COUNTY, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

The transfer of appropriations as requested by the Clerk/Treasurer of the City of Peru Indiana has been found by the proper officers to be necessary. The transfer is hereby appropriated and directed as of 12/02/2024.

Clerk Treasurer Newnum stated that these transfers are to clean up the appropriation accounts for the year. That some appropriations are over/under drawn, and this is to help clean that up and to make sure the Fund Balance stays positive. Newnum stated that she generally does these at the end of each year. A motion was made by Councilperson Stevenson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

With nothing further to discuss in the Special Meeting Councilperson Ulery made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Anderson 6-0 vote

REGULAR MEETING
December 2, 2024, 6:00 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-led by: Mayor Sturch

INVOCATION- Pastor Wedding

ROLL CALL- Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

PRESENT: Steve Anderson, Tim Fisher, Bob Huber, Brandi Murphy, Drew Stevenson and Aricka Ulery. Pete Sahaidachny is absent.

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF- Regular Meeting November 4th . Moved by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented. Vote 6-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:

Anderson-nothing

Fisher- Attended the November 5th and 19th Board of Works, Peru Utilities meeting November 6th and 20th, Miami County Economic Development meeting, Rediscover Downtown meeting, Key Building Meeting, County Planning Meeting and Met with Trainfo.

Huber-nothing

Murphy-nothing

Stevenson-nothing

Ulery- attended the City Planning Meeting, Civic Center, Cable and Tax Abatement boards did not meet.

Mayor Sturch requested that the Council approve the 2025 Council Meeting dates as presented. A motion was made by Councilperson Stevenson, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to approve the dates. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Revisit Ordinance 5-2024 amending the Trash Ordinance. The ordinance was presented to the council in March where it was tabled for some changes to be made. There were minor changes made and now brought back to the Council for review. Ordinance will be advertised and revisited in January.

NEW BUSINESS:

Councilperson Anderson moved to consider Resolution 22-2024, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION 25- 2024
A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE
MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

WHEREAS the Electric Rate Adjustment for the following rates shall be on the basis of a Rate Tracking Factor, occasioned solely by changes in the cost of Purchased Power, in accordance with order of the City Council of Peru, Indiana, as a pass through approved in Cause No. 36835-S33 as follows:

PERU MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY RATE ADJUSTMENT
FOR THE 1ST QUARTER 2025

Residential Service (RS-1)	-\$0.001181 per kWh
General Service (GSA-1)	-\$0.000617 per kWh
Power Service (PS)	-\$0.001114 per kWh
Security Lighting Service (SL-1)	-\$0.001266 per kWh
Municipal Street Lighting (MSL-1)	-\$0.001340 per kWh
Traffic Signal Service (TL)	-\$0.003669 per kWh

A motion was moved by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to approve Resolution 25-2024. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilperson Huber moved to consider Ordinance 21-2024, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ORDINANCE 21-2024

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

WHEREAS A PETITION TO VACATE a North/South Alley bounded by the north by Lot 41, bounded by the south by Lot 71, bounded by the east by Farmland, bounded by the west by parcel Striker Road, commonly known as 41 Striker Road and 71 Striker Road. After Public Notice and a Public Meeting on the 26th day of November 2024. the City of Peru Planning Commission has given its **Favorable** Recommendation by a vote of 6-0 and therefore submits their recommendation to the City of Peru Common Council for final action.

Councilperson Huber moved to adopt Ordinance 21-2024, seconded by Councilperson Ulery. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilperson Fisher moved to consider Ordinance 22-2024, seconded by Councilperson Ulery. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ORDINANCE 22- 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-PLAT IN THE CITY OF PERU

WHEREAS A PETITION TO RE-PLAT from R-1 to B-3 on Parcel #: 52-08-21-301-002.000-016 and #52-08-21-301-001.000.16 Legal Description Lot 1 and Lot 2 in Peru Commons as shown per plat as Instrument No. 20080521108 and re-recorded as 20080521377. More commonly known as 352 W Old Key Drive, Peru Indiana 46970

Councilperson Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance 22-2024, seconded by Councilperson Stevenson. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Councilperson Ulery moved to consider Ordinance 23-2024, seconded by Councilperson Murphy. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

ORDINANCE 23- 2024

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE IN THE CITY OF PERU

WHEREAS A PETITION TO RE-ZONE from R-1 to B-1 on Parcel #: 52-08-08-101-009.000-012. Legal Description VALLEY VIEW TERRACE LOT 9; & PT NE 1/4 08-27-04 1.18 ACRES & PT NE1/4 08-27-04 4.16 ACRES TOTAL ACREAGE 6.4; 23 848 00900, More commonly known as 2852 N Mexico Rd, Peru, Indiana 46970

Councilperson Huber moved to approve Ordinance 23-2024, seconded by Councilperson Ulery Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Discuss the possibility of switching from ADP to Neogov for our Payroll and HRIS system. Clerk Treasurer Newnum stated that ADP was purchased prior to her taking office. She stated that her office has been working hard to get this system up and running meeting roadblocks constantly with ADP. ADP does not communicate with our current system; their customer service has been terrible. It was purchased to be compliant with SBOA and filing of the taxes. However, due to issues with ADP we have continued to process taxes manually and it appears that quite possibly that our w2's along with Quarter 4 and yearend taxes might have to be done manually as well. This would leave us out of compliance again with the State. Josh Chance stated that ADP has been terrible to work with at the utilities as well. They were 6 months behind on financials due to errors with ADP.

Scott McCauley from MakeMyMove came to present to the council a proposal to assist residents to move from other States or Countries to Peru. Scott stated that majority of people are remote workers that can work from anywhere, generally they bring a spouse that will be searching for a job locally. MakeMyMove has been working with many cities in Indiana and has been quite successful. He stated that the IEDC has grants that assist with the \$33,225 fee that it cost to get set up with MakeMyMove if the interested parties are remote workers. Councilperson Ulery questioned the fee and how the city will know if it is worth the investment, she asked what the long-term fees would be and how the company can assure the city that people will want to move here. Scott explained that MakeMyMove finds local champions that are willing to tell their story, about the schools, shops and restaurants and why people should move to Peru. Having great local champions helps have the draw to move to our city.

Scratching Post addressed the council regarding their request a few months ago and how she wanted to verify that the funds from the city would be going to the feral cat population. The funds would not be used for any cats that are at the rescue. She stated with the \$34,000 they would be able to fix 30 cats per month annually. She stated that they would trap them and take them to be fixed then release them. It was stated that this will not help the people feeding the cats issue, but it will certainly help the number of feral cats the city has and the rapid reproduction of them.

Request by Bart Ewer to update the cities fee statute. Mr. Ewer stated that our Ordinance 2-2024 is out of compliance with the Access to Public Records Act with the fee that the city charges. Mr. Ewer had filed a complaint regarding the fee to Luke Britt, Public Access Council and Britt had given his opinion on the fee. Mr. Britt stated in his notice that the regular \$2.50 certification/administrative fee should not be standard practice in releasing records. Mayor Sturch question what Mr. Ewer was seeking, was it the removal of the \$2.50 from the ordinance, Mr. Ewer said yes, Sturch stated the Council will take that under advisement.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Jordan Holzwart with Surf Internet came before the Council to inform them that the company recently had their groundbreaking ceremony and have begun working on Canal Street by the Utility. He stated that the initial speed would be 2g then would scale up to 10g. The project will be on going with hopes of completion in 2026.


Propel-US 31 came with an update on the US 31 limited access project. She stated that the project is now in Level 3 and continues to move forward. The studies have been done and there have been several plans set for each area in Miami County. Propel will continue to hold meetings and be available more in the next few months for questions and concerns regarding the proposals. She stated that residents who want to give input need to come with the "why" they want one plan and not another not just the I do not like it. She stated that the determination has not been made but some of the plans have been eliminated. She stated that they are hoping to have all public comments received by December 13th.

Mr. Ewer questioned the decorum rules for the meeting and how they violate the 1st Amendment rules.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED



Andrea Newnum, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana



Don Sturch, Mayor
City of Peru