

**CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES
 PERU CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS
 PERU, INDIANA
 SPECIAL MEETING
 January 6, 2025 @ 5:45 PM**

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch

ROLL CALL- Andrea Newnum, Clerk Treasurer

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

ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

 A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Huber to consider Resolution 1-2025, Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL RESOLUTION 1- 2025

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PERU DETERMINING THE NEED FOR APPROPRIATIONS TO BE CARRIED FORWARD AND AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO ENCUMBER SUCH FUNDS

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the proper operation and welfare of the City of Peru, Indiana that certain funds be encumbered from various City Department appropriations each as listed on the attached and hereby incorporated Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, there are sufficient funds in the above and attached funds and appropriations to meet the above and attached designated amounts; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Common Council of the City of Peru, Indiana that the designated amounts as shown in the attached and incorporated Exhibit A shall be encumbered.

EXHIBIT A

ENCUMBERANCE LIST:

GENERAL FUND:

1101-010-390 Police Dept other service/charges	\$ 5,850.00 (vest)
1101-010-230 Police Repair/Maint.	\$ 9,529.67 (flooring)
1101-010-360 Police Repair/Maint.	\$ 109.33 (flooring)
1101-008-440 Sanitation Dept Capital Outlays	\$ 230,000.00 (Garbage truck from 2023)
Total General fund	\$245,439.00

EDIT (CREDIT) FUND:

2268-021-440 Key Building Program	\$200,000.00 (key building restoration)
Total EDIT (CREDIT) Fund	\$200,000.00

A motion was made by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Murphy to suspend the rules and adopt Resolution 1-2025 in one meeting. Vote 6-0 in favor **MOTION CARRIED**

A motion was made by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Anderson to consider Resolution 2-2025. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION NO 2-2025

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: CREDIT	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ <u>55,136.15</u>	\$ <u>55,136.15</u>
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____

Other Supplies & Charges	\$ _____	\$ _____
Township Assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ <u>200,000.00</u>	\$ <u>200,000.00</u>
TOTAL for <u>2268</u> Fund:	\$ <u>255,136.15</u>	\$ <u>255,136.15</u>
Fund Name: NONREVERTING TRAFFIC	AMOUNT REQUESTED	AMOUNT APPROVED BY FISCAL BODY
Major Budget Classification:		
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Personal Services	\$ _____	\$ _____
Supplies	\$ _____	\$ _____
Other Supplies & Charges	\$ <u>10,000</u>	\$ <u>10,000</u>
Township Assistance	\$ _____	\$ _____
Debt Service	\$ _____	\$ _____
Capital Outlays	\$ _____	\$ _____
TOTAL for <u>2269</u> Fund:	\$ <u>10,00.00</u>	\$ <u>10,00.00</u>

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Anderson. Vote 6-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.
 With nothing further to discuss in the Special Meeting Councilperson Ulery made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilperson Huber 6-0 vote

REGULAR MEETING
January 6,2025 6:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Sturch
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, Pete Sahaidachny and Aricka Ulery. Drew Stevenson is absent.
ATTORNEY PRESENT: Dustin Kern

READING & CORRECTING MINUTES OF- Regular Meeting December 2,2024 . Moved by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Huber, to suspend the rules and to adopt the minutes as presented. Vote 6-0, **MOTION CARRIED**.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS:
 Anderson-nothing
 Fisher- Attended both December Board of Works meetings where claims were approved along with street closures , Peru Utilities meeting, Miami County Economic Development meeting, Rediscover Downtown meeting, , County Planning Meeting , Miami County Commissioners meeting where they voted to take back the 2-mile jurisdiction.
 Huber-Airport accepted bids for the new hanger to be built, also accepted bids to have runway patched and sealed, spoke to Brian at Street Dept they are currently patching holes and preparing for snow.
 Murphy-no Park Board meeting was held
 Stevenson-nothing
 Ulery- attended the Plan Commission meeting regarding the replat of Hidden Hills, Cable Board did not meet, however spoke to Dave-tv is ready to go for viewing in lobby as overflow, Civic Center did not meet again.

ELECT 2025 PRESIDENT PRO TEMPE: Tim Fisher was nominated by Councilperson Sahaidachny, Moved by Councilperson

Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Anderson, to accept the nomination of Tim Fisher as President Pro Tempe. Vote 5-0, **MOTION CARRIED.**

2025 Committee Liaison appointments: All Councilmembers agreed to continue their 2024 Liaison positions.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Huber to remove Ordinance 5 from tabled and consider 6-0 vote in favor.

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 was read in December's meeting and properly advertised. Councilperson Sahaidachny stated that he did not like that the fee for the replacement of the garbage can rack was being set at \$185.00, he stated that people are strapped for money and did not feel right charging. Bill Sheets (Code Enforcement) stated that anyone who is in violation of this ordinance will receive a written notice first via certified letter. If the residents reach out, he works with them, giving them to correct the violation. The residents that would be charged will know and will have had plenty of time to repair or build a new rack prior to them charging the fee. After much debate Councilperson Sahaidachny made a motion to table Ordinance 5-2024, Councilperson Huber seconded the motion 1-5 vote not in favor. A motion was then made adopt Ordinance 5-2024 by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Murphy 5-1 vote in favor

MOTION CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilperson Huber, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to remove from tabled and consider 6-0 vote in favor.

MakeMyMove presented at December's meeting requesting \$33,225 to enter into agreement, discussion was had regarding the housing need in Peru and entering into this agreement knowing that we already have lack of housing, Jim Tidd suggested forming a incentives committee and laying out what incentives would be offered, Jim also stated that there are all types of variety of homes needed in and around Peru, that there are some things in the works, however not at the stage that any announcements could be made. A motion was then made to table by Councilperson Sahaidachny, seconded by Councilperson Anderson 3-3 vote with Mayor Struch voting in favor of tabling-**MOTION TABLED.**

A motion was made by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Huber to remove from tabled and consider 6-0 vote in favor.

Scratching Post presented at December's meeting requesting \$34,000 to fix 30 stray cats a month for one year. Councilperson Fisher raised the question on how the money would be managed or monitored. A report could be turned into the council monthly reporting on cats that have been fixed. She stated that they keep records of the owners and descriptions of the cats that have been fixed. A motion was made to deny the request from the Scratching Post by Councilperson Fisher, seconded by Councilperson Ulery 5-1 vote in favor **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Swearing in officer Braxton Baker as probationary Police Officer.

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to consider Ordinance 2-2025 vote 6-0 in favor.

First reading of **ORDINANCE 2-2025; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 19, 2011 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING RATES, CHARGES, AND SERVICE CONDITIONS FOR THE CITY OF PERU MUNICIPAL SEWAGE WORKS LOCATED AT THE GRISSOM AEROPLEX SERVICE AREA.**

Josh Chance Utility Superintendent that a recent rate study performed on Grissom Wastewater, showed a 58-million-gallon decrease in wastewater leading to a shortfall of nearly \$440,000 annually. Josh stated that at the end of 2020 the prison had a decrease in inmates and continues to have a decreased population. The Utilities has taken steps to reduce cost by limiting manpower at Grissom. The average bill will go from \$24 a month to \$35.30 a month.

A motion was made by Councilperson Anderson, seconded by Councilperson Ulery to consider Ordinance 1-2025 vote 6-0 in favor.

ORDINANCE 1-2025; AN ORDINANCE FOR REPLAT OF PARCEL TO REMOVE IT FROM HIDDEN HILLS SUBDIVISION OUTSIDE OF THE CITY OF PERU. Larry West stated that this parcel has been sold on numerous occasions and has always been bought back by Mr. Bellar. The petition is to remove this parcel from the Hidden Hills subdivision and put it into the Bellar Family Trust. West stated that the lot will remain woods, with no plan to build on it. A motion was made to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 1-2025 by Councilperson Ulery, seconded by Councilperson Fisher 6-0 vote in favor **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMUNICATIONS: .

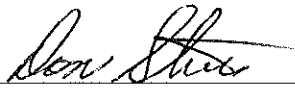
Jim Tidd stated that there was a Facebook post put out regarding a campaign for a matching grant for the Splashpad. He stated that it has received a lot of negative comments, as people were understanding that the Splashpad was already funded. Mr. Tidd stated that the Splashpad is fully funded, that MCEDA came across the opportunity to have a matching grant from the state to make improvements or add amenities to the Splashpad. If the campaign does not meet the \$50,000 for the match, the match will not be received, however the funds will still go toward improving amenities at the Splashpad. This is a volunteer only request.

Andrew Turnpaugh requested a meeting with the Mayor regarding the Cruise in uptown. Mayor Struch requested he call and get put on the schedule. Mayor stated that the cruise-in was well received and was a positive thing for Peru. Mr. Turnpaugh then asked the mayor if there was a fee to surrender your dogs in Peru. Mayor Struch stated he was not sure that he would have to check into it.


ADJOURNMENT:

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

MEETING ADJOURNED



Don Sturch, Mayor
City of Peru



Andrea Newnum, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana