

* CITY OF PERU COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES *

March 7th, 2022

The Common Council of the City of Peru, Indiana met in regular session at City Hall at 6:00 p.m. on March 7th, 2022. The following members were present: Steve Anderson, Tom Gustin, Kathleen Plothow, Mark Ramsey, Patricia Russell, Peter Sahaidachny and Betsy Wolfe.

Others present were Mayor Miles Hewitt, City Clerk/Treasurer Susan Rylands, department heads and other interested persons.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Pat Russell

INVOCATION – led by Brent Wedding

ROLL CALL – Anderson, Gustin, Plothow, Ramsey, Russell, Sahaidachny, Wolfe

READING & CORRECTING JOURNAL - of minutes of Regular Meeting on February 7, 2022

Councilwoman Russell made a motion, seconded by Councilman Sahaidachny to adopt the minutes.

Roll Call: 7 Ayes

Motion Passed

LIASON COMMUNICATIONS

Wolfe – Reminder that the Civic Center garage sale is a fund raiser for the Center.

Ramsey – Congratulated the Peru Boys basketball team on winning sectional. Reported on animal control, Miami County Highway and Parks.

Plothow – Reminded that groundbreaking for the new PUD development was this Wednesday.

Russell – Reported on Board of Works, Aviation Board, Utility Board, Civic Center and Plan Commission.

Anderson – Update on the police.

Sahaidachny – Nothing to report

Gustin – Nothing to report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION #5-2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL, CITY OF PERU INDIANA APPROVING THE REQUEST OF TRHETT ENTERPRISES FOR TAX ABATEMENT.

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. Roll Call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays
Motion Passed.

Brooke Robertson stated that this replaced the earlier resolution with the correct name for the enterprise being abated.

Motion to approve Resolution #5-2022 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

RESOLUTION #6-2022

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE CITY OF PERU MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY

Motion to consider was made by Russell, seconded by Sahaidachny. Roll vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

Josh Chance, General Manager of Peru Utilities, stepped forward to explain and answer questions.

Motion to approve Resolution #6-2022 was made by Gustin, seconded by Russell. Roll call vote taken with 6 Ayes, 1 Nay.

Motion Passed

RESOLUTION #7-2022

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE CITY OF PERU MUNICIPAL WATER UTILITY LOCATED AT THE GRISSOM AEROPLEX SERVICE AREA.

Motion to consider was made by Sahaidachny, seconded by Ramsey. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

Josh Chance again answered questions and offered explanations.

Motion to approve Resolution #7-2022 was made by Russell, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote with 6 Ayes, 1 Nay.

Motion Passed

RESOLUTION #8-2022

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING RATE TRACKING FACTOR FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY OF THE CITY OF PERU, INDIANA

Motion to consider Resolution #8-2022 was made by Anderson, seconded by Gustin. Roll Call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

Josh Chance again answered questions and offered explanations for the rate tracker.

Motion to approve Resolution #8-2022 was made by Russell, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote taken with 6 Ayes, 1 Nay.

Motion Passed.

***REQUEST BY PERU UTILITIES TO PRESENT THE THIRD AMENDATORY AGREEMENT TO POWER SALES CONTRACT BETWEEN INDIANA MUNICIPAL POWER AGENCY AND CITY OF PERU*.**

Motion to consider the request was made by Russell, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

Presentation by IMPA to the council and the public was made by representatives of IMPA. After slide presentation questions were asked and answered.

Motion to approve the agreement as presented was made by Russell, seconded by Gustin. Roll call vote taken with 6 Ayes, 1 Nay.

Motion Passed.

Small recess requested by Gustin was approved at 7:04 pm.

ORDINANCE #3-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ZONE IN THE CITY OF PERU

Motion to consider was made by Wolfe, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed

Haley Hewitt stepped forward to answer any questions on the re-zone.

Motion to approve Ordinance #3-2022 was made by Wolfe, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote taken with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

ORDINANCE #4-2022

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 12, 2014.

Motion to consider Ordinance #4-2022 was made by Russell, seconded by Sahaidachny. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed

After Jelenek explained the ordinance and answered questions, motion to postpone any vote until next meeting was made by Anderson, seconded by Plothow. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays. Matter will be brought back next month.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Adam Sheets, Peru Street Commissioner stepped forward to inform council that they would be voting on an additional appropriation from the non-reverting fund of the street department to purchase a dump truck, next month.

Jim Tidd, MCEDA representative, stepped forward to present to the council of the need to appropriate money from the non-appropriated money in the amount of \$200,000 to help with the expense of building on Canal Street property due to poor soil conditions. He also explained that they were needing permission from council to build a Pickleball court on the same property. The motion to amend the agenda to take a vote to approve the request was made by Plothow, seconded by Wolfe. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

Motion to approve the request was made by Plothow, seconded by Anderson. Roll call vote with 7 Ayes, 0 Nays.

Motion Passed.

Joe Molyneux confronted Plothow on her emails referencing the poor handling of the Zoning Commission meetings and how they need instruction on how to better conduct their meetings.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no further business the motion to adjourn was made by Plothow, seconded by Sahaidachny. All Saying Aye

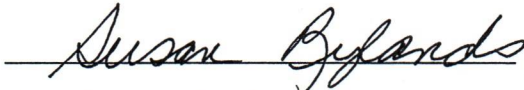
Motion Passed

Meeting Adjourned.

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Miles Hewitt, Mayor
City of Peru, Indiana

Attest:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Rylands", written over a horizontal line.

Susan Rylands, City Clerk Treasurer
City of Peru, Indiana