
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET**

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, HENDRICKS, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN,
BARRA, AND ORRICK**

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Council Member Timothy Gillespie.

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that **the agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 15, 2013 and the Special Council Meeting of October 8, 2013, be approved as written**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

John Hadsall 1220 El Camino Drive, addressed the Council regarding the rezoning ordinance on El Camino Drive. He stated that he originally opposite the construction of the units but since the 4 unit buildings were scaled down to 6 duplex units the change would allow the residents to support the project. He voiced concern about the drainage of the complex, the fencing, and the garbage receptacles. He presented photos of his concerns for the record. Mr. Hadsall asked that Council continue to scrutinize all development in the future..

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Gillespie, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Mayor's Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities Minutes dated April 11, 2013 and August 8, 2013.
7.2 Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated October 9, 2013
7.3 Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations: a. Hearing #10-1872 recommends approval of the Rezoning of property from B-3 (General Business District) to RM-1 (Multiply Family Residential) located on El Camino Drive with a Legal Description of Sec 11 T24N R5W Tract 3 in S 1/2 of W 1/2 SE 1/4 1.10 AC with the following PIN #10-10-11-400-041 and including an additional 40' to the East of Said property to be re-platted in Tazewell County, Illinois to the City of Pekin Council. b. Hearing #10-1873 recommends approval of the Site Plan for property located on El Camino Drive with a Legal Description of Sec 11 T24N R5W Tract 3 in S 1/2 of W 1/2 SE 1/4 1.10 AC with the following PIN #10-10-11-400-041 and including an additional 40' to the East of Said property to be re-platted in Tazewell County, Illinois to the City of Pekin Council.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS BOND ISSUE PRESENTATION

Director of the Pekin Public Library, Jeff Brooks, distributed the presentation brochure prepared by the proposed architect, Dewberry. He next introduced Michael Mackey who addressed the Council regarding the addition, renovation, the company's research and observation of the facility, and generally the 21st Century library designs. Mr. Brooks advised the Council on the 2008 project proposal that was not funded. He stated that the board had taken the conceptual plan, identified current ADA compliances, improved access, safety matters, better services for children, and lower maintenance costs. He requested that the City Council consider approving a levy increase for a \$5.6 million bond repayment. The library would be able to contribute an additional \$400,000.00. Each Council Member was given the opportunity to comment and ask questions. Council Member Golden asked if the library had applied for state construction funding. Council Member McCabe expressed concern that the one-way traffic pattern in accessing the Library still needed to be addressed before final design. Council Member Hendricks felt it important to have input from the youth of the community for services and design. Mayor Barra was informed that a \$5.6 million bond sale would increase the library levy 4% resulting in an addition to the tax bill of \$29-\$35 per \$100,000 house. No action was taken by the Council.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A198-13/14

PROVIDING FOR THE REZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

PIN 10-10-11-400-041 & PART OF 10-10-11-400-042 & 10-10-11-400-0043

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No.1568-A198-13/14 be adopted. Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh presented the ordinance and site plan from the recommendation of the Planning Commission. The ordinance provided for the request of Jeffrey L. Horneker and Cynthia E. Hornecker as purchasers of the Gaylord Trust property portion and 10-10-11-400-041 to rezone 1.33 acre parcel of land adjacent and west of the Gingoteague general store from B-3 (General Business) district to RM-1 (Multiple Family Residential) District. Mr. Sieh addressed the questions and concerns from Council Members regarding a retention pond, the difference in zero lot line duplex and condo. He stated that it was not the intention to have Section 8 Housing units and that totter verses dumpster garbage collection met code requirements. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **SITE PLAN FOR PROPERTY ON EL CAMINO DRIVE adjacent to Gingoteague general store** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AGREEMENT for Terms and Conditions of Accepting Airport Improvement Program Grants** be approved. City Engineer Michael Guerra asked that Council approve the agreement for the terms and conditions of accepting the Airport Improvement Program grant money. He advised Council that the agreement had been approved October 9, 2012, however the FAA change some language regarding the financial invoicing for FAA grantees to utilize the Delphi eInvoicing System for the Department of Transportation. Mr. Guerra answered Council Member Golden's questions specific to the terms of the contract. He stated that the Airport had a 5 year retainer agreement for engineering projects so there was not competitive bidding on the latest improvement projects. Discussion followed regarding monitoring fuel pricing. Council Member Hendricks advised that he had requested an extensive business plan of the airport department. On roll call vote; Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, and Barra; Nay, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A328-13/14

AMENDING TITLE 8 TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING SPEED ZONES

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No.1462-A328-13/14 be adopted. Police Chief Greg Nelson presented the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to adjust the speed limits on South Fifth Street between Koch Street and VFW Road (Veterans Drive). He stated the reduced speed to 30 mph, statutory urban speed, would accommodate the growth in the Deerfield area and that the inconsistent speed limit signs for northbound and southbound traffic would be changed. Fifth Street Hanna Drive to VFW would be 45 mph. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Engineer Michael Guerra advised the public of the 2 month detour at VFW Road and N. 14th Street to remove a box culvert for Lost Creek just west of the VFW Hall.

Chief Greg Nelson thanked the planners and the public for a very successful Nite Out Against Crime sponsored by the police department. Council Member McCabe noted he and his grandson attended the Halloween theme event and praised it as a very good learning experience.

Mayor Barra announced that the City does not set the hours for Trick-or-Treat on Halloween. She also alerted the public to a Veterans Day remembrance on Monday November 11, 2013 on the Court House lawn.

Council Member Hendricks asked what economic development impact to the City has been tracked for the airing of the City segment last July on the FOX television station. He asked that consideration be given to increasing the 40 mph speed limit on Parkway Drive to Route 98 and was told that the segment of road was under County jurisdiction.

Council Member Gillespie expressed appreciation for the Police Department photo, something not done since the 1970's.

Council Member Golden referred to a newspaper "fix it" article that reported there was nothing in the Property Maintenance Code with enough teeth to go after the owners of the property in regards to the terrible condition of the driveway of Sara Lane. He read the provisions found in the Code that the City adopted the 2006 Property Maintenance Code and quoted section 302.3. He question why the City could not enforce owners to maintain the private drive free of hazardous conditions and in proper state of repair. Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh responded that he would check on Council Member Golden's inquiry.

Council Member Golden questioned the City Manager as to when the City would take ownership of the West Campus, if the demolition contractor had a permit, and if the City would seek an appraisal for the sale. He voiced concerns of City liability after seeing the sale of components of the property posted on Craig's List. Attorney Burt Dancey and the City Manager addressed any concerns that Council Member Golden had regarding the City's role as conduit for the transfer of the West Campus property from owner Merl Huff to the Chicago Title Land Trust Co. Attorney Dancey stated that the ownership by the City would take 10 seconds or time it takes to record both the deed and the donation agreement. It was stated that a permit would be pulled and that the appraisal was the current owner responsibility.

Phillis Myers, 2500 Court Street, addressed the Council regarding her passion that the proper protocol and attention that was needed in displaying the United States flag at the riverfront.

John Hadsall, 1220 El Camino Drive expressed appreciation for Council's consideration of the zoning change and the development plans for new duplexes on El Camino Drive.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:05 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) Acquisition of Property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk