
**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 27, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

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 amended by removing under New Business item 9.3 Ordinance No. 2710-14/15.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 14, 2014 be approved as written.**

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Bramham indicated he had been black listed from the City website list of contacts since his emails were being returned undeliverable. Mr. Bramham played his recorded statements for public input of his displeasure with the Council Members.

Sally Johnson addressed the Council on her opinion of the following:

- the City could not afford the Library improvement project.
- Council should have taken action to resolve the flooding issues sooner.
- The recording and replay equipment for Council Meetings was a needed expense.

Larry Wolfer commented on the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvement Project and his opposition to the City discharging raw sewerage into the river during storm events. He stated he had copies of correspondence from the City to the Environmental Protection Agency from 2013 and 2014 that indicated Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) discharges and violations.

AnnWitzig expressed concern of a news editorial in which the editor referred to the attendees at the Council meetings as “crazies” and took issue with citizens questioning the manageability of the City as crazy. Mrs. Witzig expressed her opinion that the attorney was running the City.

Mayor Barra responded to the inaccurate statements made by the public in regards to City business.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police Department September Report; Traffic Safety Committee Minutes October 3, 2014; and Human Rights Committee Minutes September 25, 2014.

7.2 Proclamation: “International Alpha Delta Kappa Month” October 2014

7.3 Receive and File: Bids CSO Phase 3 and 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant Project opened October 16, 2014

7.4 Resolution No. 108-14/15 – Mayor’s appointment of Don Oldham to the Economic Development Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Timm Swartz until the first Monday in May 2015.

Mayor Barra read and presented Marge Melchers the Proclamation for International Alpha Delta Kappa. Mrs. Melchers thanked the Council for their good job on the Council. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A339-14/15

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING HANDICAPPED PARKING SPACES

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 1462-A339-1415 be adopted. A recommendation was made by the Traffic Safety Committee to designate an on-street handicapped stall on South Capitol Street across from 323 South Capitol Street. Council was advised the resident supplied the annual proper medical validation. Across the street was necessary because of the one-way direction of traffic. Council Member Golden questioned if the space would be painted and if ADA accessible ramps were installed. He was advised by Deputy Chief Baxter that neither were applicable since there was a driveway to access. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **BID FOR PHASE 3B WITH ALTERNATE 1 AND PHASE 4 FOR THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT** in the amount of \$2,639,044.78 (correct amount 2,639,030.78) be approved and the contract awarded to **LEANDER CONSTRUCTION**. City Engineer Michael Guerra presented the recommendation of the Farnsworth Group for the bids opened October 16, 2014. Partrick Sheridan explained to Council the three distinct phases of the Long Term Control Plan (LTCP) project and the breakdown of the bid package due to the ongoing railroad easement delay. Both bids were over current budget. The project will be funded with an IEPA low interest loan. Council Member Golden expressed his concerns that there was not sufficient comparison line item figures or estimates provided in order for him to award the project. He also felt it necessary to have the accounting of all cost of the Sewer Treatment Project, a report that he had previous requested. Council Member Abel called for the question. It was seconded by Council Member McCabe. On roll call vote Ayes, Abel, Orrick, Hendricks, Gillespie, McCabe, Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

Mayor Barra asked for the vote on the motion on the floor to award the bid to Leander Construction. On roll call vote Ayes, Abel, Orrick, Hendricks, Gillespie, McCabe, Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council was advised that Illinois Central College in the Riverway Business Park would name use the designation of ICC Pekin.

City Engineer Michael Guerra updated Council on the following projects:

- Circle Drive drainage project was completed
- Veterans South construction project was progressing but the railroad crossing hearing would delay the opening to through traffic until next year’s construction season
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant would be in full operation mid-December

Council Member Hendricks questioned and was told that former City Manager Wuellner was working a few hours a week at the WWTP.

Council; and the public were advised there were no set hours for Trick-or-Treat in Pekin.

Council Member Abel inquired about the pedestrian crossing on Broadway Road at 20th Street and was informed that the City Engineer was seeking pricing for a crossing light.

Council Members congratulated the Police Department for a continued successful Night Out Against Crime event.

Council Member Orrick corrected the misconception regarding the purchase price of the Derby Street being out of line with the value believe to be \$20,000.00 He explained the number on the tax bill need to be multiplied by 3 to arrive at a property value of \$60,000.00.

Council Member Golden requested that the garbage fee be amended to reflect a provision for adjustments for residents away from their property and not using the collection service. The Council Member also requested that City Manager Darin Girdler provide weekly reports, a common practice of previous managers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6.) Sale of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member McCabe that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Bara adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk