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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 23, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Minutes

Motion Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of October 9, 2006 and the Special Meeting of October 11, 2006 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the Consent Agenda be **approved as presented.**

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** September Fire Report, Planning Commission Minutes, and Airport Minutes

2. **Charitable Solicitation:** Stroke Victim Carl Kearney Benefit

3. **Receive and File Tax Increment Financing Central Business District Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2006**

4. **Receive and File Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
   a. Hearing #1727 – approval of the Site Plan from Midwest Holdings, LLC for development and operation of an assisted living facility on South 14th Street and Windstar Lane

   b. Hearing #1728 – approval of the Site Plan for parking only submitted by Jeff Hornecker, owner of property, for construction of apartments on Florence Avenue

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Jones seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **SITE PLAN SUBMITTED BY JEFF HORNECKER FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AREA ONLY FOR APARTMENTS ON FLORENCE AVENUE** be approved. Planning Commission recommended approval after the required review of a site plan for off street parking areas that are not single or two-family dwellings. Council was advised the 38-space plan exceeded the requirement for 1.5 spaces per unit. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **SITE PLAN SUBMITTED BY MIDWEST HOLDINGS, LLC** for development and operation of an assisted living facility on South 14th Street and Windstar Lane, be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **AGREEMENT WITH MIDWEST HOLDINGS LLC** for extension of Winstar Lane be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner was asked to explain how the street improvement would be paid for in the future. The agreement contained provisions for dedication of Right-f-Way for extending a new street in the development with costs divided 50/50 between the developer and the City. As the property develops to the south the owner would be required to pay the other 50% of the completed street. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that the **AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION** for Broadway / Parkway Intersection Improvement in the amount of $307,500 local funds be approved. The Federal funding agreement with IDOT specified amounts of $342,500 High Hazard Safety (HHS), $350,000 Safety Transportation Urban (STU) and City portion of $307,500 for the intersection re-construction. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A258-06/07
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 11 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE REGARDING AUTHORIZED THROUGH STREETS

Motion by Com'r. Maddox seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 1462-A258-06/07 be adopted. The Traffic Safety Committee recommended after Council's approval of renaming Lick Creek Drive to Velde Drive and the opening of the street to Parkway, that the Code be revised to provide for Velde Drive to be a through street from 8th Street to Parkway Drive. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2497-06/07
AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF THE IMLRMA MINIMUM / MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENT

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that Ordinance No. 2497-06/07 be adopted. The annual authorization of an agreement with Illinois Municipal League Risk Management Association provides risk management insurance from December 31, 2006-December 31, 2007. By paying $496,513.08 in advance the City receives a discounted premium rate. City manager Dennis Kief explained that being in a pool of municipalities saves the City of $80,000 per year. The premium is up approximately 8% from the previous year. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **EXPENDITURE OF $500,000 OF STATE FUNDING FOR LAND ACQUISITION AND DESIGN OF VETERANS DRIVE FROM COMMERCIAL DRIVE WEST TO ILLINOIS ROUTE 29** be approved. Council authorized the utilization of State funding for continuation of Veterans Drive in the southerly direction. Com'r. Jones spoke in support of the entire Veterans Drive project. The City Manager recommended expending the funds for the southerly direction verses the northerly Broadway to I-474 for the following reasons:

- Phase 1 Study approved and are in the process of purchasing right-of-way
- IDOT will undertake cost-effective analysis of Route 9 remaining on Court or being moved to southerly Veteran's Drive. If jurisdictional transfer occurs the City could be credited for the this expenditure
- The $500,000 does not require a local match
- Authorization of this money does not commit the direction or usage of the $4.8 million Federal dollars received for Veteran's Drive

Com'r. Maddox asked that effort be made for IDOT to complete their analysis and jurisdictional transfer of state routes. Com'r. Blanchard requested that the road be designated a truck route. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

VISITOR'S BUREAU GUIDELINES

Mayor Mackaman presented his draft of an updated program description for the Visitor's Bureau. Discussion focused on policy questions for Council to consider incorporating into the policy.

- Of the $125,000 generated by the hotel/motel tax was $50,000 the right amount to make available for grants
- Eligibility requirements
- Application procedure to reimburse after an event occurs

Commissioner Maddox asked that churches and fraternal organizations not be excluded. Commissioner Blanchard directed that a report from IDOR be requested to determine count of "heads in beds". He disagreed that the Dome be eligible for grant funds. Modifications would be made to the document and be considered for approval at the next regular meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Mackaman asked that Council members provide the manager with input on the draft budget. Council agreed to meet for a special meeting as a budget work session on Thursday, November 9th, 2006 @ 5:45pm.

Commissioner Jones asked that Council consider canceling the December 25th/26th meeting (by code moved to following day) because of the holidays.

Commissioner Dagit announced details of a Memorial Service for Veteran's Day to be held at the Moose Lodge Noon to 4:00pm to honor service men and women of WWII.

Commissioner Blanchard asked that efforts be made to re-establish an active Disabled Person's Committee.

Commissioner Maddox encouraged citizens to attend the Winter Wonderland activities

City Manager Dennis Kief apologized that there was not a Finance Report from the department for the preceding month due to preparation of the budget.

He extended appreciation to the insurance committee for their work and noted the committee recommended freezing retirees health premiums for the following year.

Congratulations were sent to employees, Emily Lambe and Pam Anderson on the births of their babies.

Pat Pollock, Director of Personnel reminded Council and Staff of the Health Fair on Wednesday, October 25, 2006 from 6:30am to noon at the Moose Lodge.

Steve Brown, Economic Development Coordinator thanked the general public for their responses to his questions of what types of businesses and restaurants residents would like to see come to Pekin.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star and Pekin Daily Time* were given the opportunity to ask questions. Questions were also received from Times reporter Sharon Harris via e-mail to the Manager. Council was questioned on the total amount of the deficit as it stood on the draft budget.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:28 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk