
**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 14, 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 Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **agenda be approved as presented**. Council Member McCabe requested that 7.2 of the Consent Agenda be placed for discussion under New Business. On roll call vote all present voted to approve the agenda as amended.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 22, 2014 be approved as written**.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Martha Herms, Executive Director Center for Prevention of Abuse, advised the Council of the many programs offered through the Center to prevent and serve victims of violence. She announced October as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Tom Janky voiced his displeasure with the garbage fee. He asked that Council consider suspending payment for months that citizens do not occupy their main residence.

Joshua Bonnett addressed the Council on the matter of spending \$80,000.00 for property necessary for the resolution of occasional flooding in the Derby Street area. He felt there was need to review all related issues and encourage the Council to slow down on their decisions.

Austin Grant an amateur radio operator, asked what actions had been taken on his earlier request to consider removing the \$2500.00 charge associated with his radio tower, as per Code 9-13-1 City Manager Darin Girdler responded that the matter would be reviewed with the Planning/Code Enforcement departments.

Sally Johnson commented on the following matters:

- Agreed with not paying a garbage fee
- Voiced displeasure in removing a second opportunity to the address the Council at the end of meetings
- Expressed opposition to the \$6 million Library improvement
- Questioned why the property purchase on Derby Street was necessary

Ann Witzig

- requested the City consider using a form for documented written complaints of the Code Enforcement/Building Departments
- expressed displeasure in the removal of a second public comment time from the meetings and indicated it was the decision of Attorney Dancey
- questioned the difference in the IDOT agreement for traffic signal work of \$6,077.00 and the higher appropriation from MFT funds of \$7,600.00

Bob Bramham

- expressed appreciation to Council Member Orrick for answering his questions prior to the meeting start
- commented on displeasure with garbage fee
- criticized Attorney Dancey's work

Larry Wolfer stated his opinion of the reasons for occasional flooding in the Cambridge/Shire area and stated what could be corrected at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member McCabe 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: Tazewell County Animal Control September Report; Building and Zoning Department July and August Reports; Human Rights Committee Minutes dated June 25, and August 27, 2014.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2709-14/15 **ACCEPTING A REAL ESTATE SALE CONTRACT AND** **AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY** **04-10-02-407-016**

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 2709-14/15 be adopted. City Manager Darin Golden recommended the acquisition of 1119 Derby Street from James C. Layne in the amount of \$80,000.00 for use necessary for resolution of occasional flooding in the area. Discussion followed. Prior preliminary information from a study indicated the purchase was the cheapest and best option of possibilities for the retention of the storm water. Council Member Golden questioned if the purchase should be delayed until the City saw the improvements at the treatment plant would reduce the flooding. It was indicated that the matter was strictly stormwater not combined sewer which had no effect on the plant. On roll call vote Ayes, Abel, Orrick, Hendricks, Gillespie, McCabe, Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR miscellaneous signal work**, be approved. City Engineer Michael Guerra presented the joint agreement with IDOT for the District 4 traffic signal work. Work included replacement of LED traffic light modules and backup batteries on State Routes. He indicated the City would be responsible for \$6,077.00 of estimated total cost of \$355,810.00. He recommended approval, indicating the upgrades would be done prior to Court Street being transferred to the City for an minimal cost. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 107-14/15 **APPROPRIATION OF MOTOR FUEL TAX**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Resolution No. 107-14/15 be adopted. The resolution authorized MFT fund of \$7,600.00 for the local share of 2% of the miscellaneous Traffic Signal Work 2015 along state highways. City Engineer Michael Guerra explained 125% was appropriated to cover any possible cost per the agreement. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM – MABAS** be approved. Fire Chief Kurt Nelson explained to the Council the action was clarification to original ordinance to adhere to the new FEMA guidelines to insure that the City obtains federal funding in time of national disaster. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Police Chief Nelson encouraged the public to attend Nite Out Against Crime at the Dome on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

Fire Chief Kurt Nelson advised the public to check smoke detectors

Attorney Burt Dancey stated in response to comments that had been made that the 7 members of the Council speak for themselves and the attorney does not make decisions for them.

Council Members Golden and Orrick indicated they would be in favor of a workable solution to eliminate garbage service fee for snow birds. Council Member Orrick requested staff make elimination of pot holes top priority. Council Member Gillespie was informed that the Sheridan Road Bridge improvement was complete. Council Member Abel requested consideration of the process enacted in Washington Illinois that code violations such as weeds are penalized \$100.00 per day. Council Member McCabe encouraged the audience to call the staff or Council Members with question they have for answers prior to the Council Meeting night.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member McCabe seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Council adjourn. Mayor Barra declared the meeting adjourned.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk