
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2005 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, MADDOX, DAGIT, AND JONES

ABSENT: NONE

Commission Blanchard requested a moment of silence in memory of three Pekin High School students who lost their lives in a vehicle accident.

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 26, 2005 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input

Commissioner Blanchard presented Mrs. Marj Melchers with a proclamation. Mayor Howard read the document International Alpha Delta Kappa Month proclaiming the month of October in honor of the sorority for professional women educators.

Consent Agenda

City Clerk Sue McMillan presented the following items under consent Agenda.

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

1. Receive and File Reports and Minutes: Police, Liquor Commission, Tazewell County Animal Control, and Airport
2. Proclamation: International Alpha Delta Kappa Month October 2005
Physical Therapy Month October 2005
YWCA Week Without Violence October 16-22, 2005
3. Receive and File Annual State of Illinois Comptroller Fiscal Responsibility Report Card
4. Receive and File Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes Dated September

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Properties Director Greg Ranney reported back to Council on the request of Ed Swinn to disclose the dollar amounts realized in the in-house collection of garbage. Greg explained depending on the bid number used (collection with/without landfill costs) the savings were \$200,000-\$500,000.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT FOR INSTALLATION OF TRAFFIC SIGNALS AT 14TH STREET AND PARK AVENUE** be approved.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained to Council that the project was being constructed to eliminate the traffic congestion at the intersection and ease some of the backups that occur at Court Street and 14th Street also. Council was reminded that MFT funding had already been appropriated in the amount of \$90,750 in March at the time of funding approval of the engineering amount. Mr. Wuellner anticipated being on the letting in January 2006 with construction starting possibly in March. Com'r. Jones suggested that the project continue through the 14th and Derby congested intersection. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Catherine Franks 418 South 7th Street presented a petition asking Council to zone 416 South 7th Street as a one family dwelling. Residents of Hillyer, 7th Street and area signed the petition in opposition to apartments being permitted in a structure of a neighborhood already a heavy traffic area with many children because of the schools and churches.

Mayor Howard suggested a representative attend the next Traffic Safety Committee meeting in November and/or the Planning Commission Meeting to address her concerns and directed that Mr. Wuellner research permit, special use, zoning records regarding status of address.

Public Properties Director Greg Ranney reported on the Fall Spruce up Pekin.

City Manager Dennis Kief announced the employee Joe Yavorshak had successfully completed his certification as a third operator of the Sewer Treatment Plant.

Com'r. Jones expressed concern regarding the condition of the street in the 10 hundred block of Court Street.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star* and *Pekin Daily Time* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Shirley Faicshney expressed concern regarding the lack of homeowners maintaining one half of the alley in the State Street area. It was suggested that complaints be called into Inspections and Code Enforcement Office.

Michael Stunkey, Deerfield Estates, addressed Council. He felt the City would have valued a new citizens and inform them of the section of the Traffic Code regarding flashing lights in parked vehicles on the streets after sunset. Discussion followed on the origin of the statute, its safety provisions, and communities that choose to enforce the law. Com'r. Blanchard directed that the definition be clarified.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk