
**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 TUESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, HENDRICKS, BLANCHARD, MCCABE, AND BARRA

ABSENT: MASSAGLIA

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Member Massaglia. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 24, 2012, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Liquor Commission approved minutes June 28, 2012 and July 5, 2012 and unapproved minutes September 27, 2012
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7.2 Proclamation: "Pekin's First Scout-O-Rama" October 12, 13, 14, 2012
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On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member McCabe that the **CENTRAL STATES HEALTH & WELFARE FUND, NON-UNIT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT be approved**. City Manager Joseph Wuellner presented the agreement that set the non-unit participation insurance premium rates for the next two years of the 5 year contract. Non-unit employees (staff, police, and fire) premiums were consistent with the rates paid from the Teamster contracts. He explained that the dollar amounts contained in the agreement were the City's portion of the premium not the employees share. Discussion ensued on the percentages of employee contributions to the health benefits. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, McCabe, Hendricks, Barra; Nays, Blanchard and Schmidgall. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN RANKIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 98, PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 108, AND PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 303**, be approved. Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler explained to Council the agreement authorized the City to provide financial assistance to school districts by allocating a surplus of 25% of the Incremental Tax Revenue realized during the life of the South Industrial Park Conservation Area. Such an agreement was acceptable under the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act. The terms of the agreement would be invalid if the TIF plan, designation of the area, and the approval of increment financing ordinances failed when presented at the next Council meeting. The TIF could be approved by super majority without approval of the agreement. Council Member Blanchard expressed disappointment that Derby Street was not included and stated that he would be voting no to the TIF documents. Council Member McCabe

advised that in his reading on Tax Increment Financing districts he found some controversy over the benefits for other areas. He did not support the agreement. Mayor Barra pointed out that having a TIF is a tool to bring industry into the area, expand the tax base, and provide employment opportunities. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Barra; Nays, Blanchard, McCabe. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **ASSIGNMENT AND ASSUMPTION OF THE TOMEN LEASE TO CHS, INC.** be approved. The City was asked to approve the written consent as lessor and landlord to assign an original lease entered into with Sours Grain Company further assigned and amended to Tomen Grain. Council was advised that there was no change in the term or the use of the property as a barge loading grounds for grain. The lease would provide \$21,000.00 in revenue. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Barra welcomed boy scouts from Pekin and read the proclamation "Pekin's first Scout-O-Rama" to be held the weekend of October 12, 2012 supported by Wotamalo District of the W.D. Boyce Council.

Council Member Hendricks stated he had received a complaint that the sound of the Council Meetings on Channel 22 was not audible. He asked from a citizen request that Traffic Safety Committee consider a 4 way stop at Columbus and Easter Streets. He also inquired if the City set Trick-or-treat hours and was told no.

Council Member Schmidgall was advised that the School District adjusted 2 of the cul-de-sac bus stops but were not considering a change to the other 9 that were changed to avoid backing up.

Kevin Jones, 30 Sapphire, Morton, IL distributed photos of a rental property adjacent to his rental at 2704 Pine Street. He asked that the overgrown vegetation be addressed and that the vacant property be boarded up for safety standards. Council discussion followed with staff regarding complaint driven code enforcement

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:15 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Personnel, (2) Collective Bargaining, and (6) Sale or Lease of Municipally Owned Property. * On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

* Clerk note: 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Sale or Lease of Municipally Owned Property was not needed.

Council returned to open session. No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk