
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED
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, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
BARBARA A. STRAND * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, KORTKAMP, STRAND, AND DUNN

ABSENT: MAYOR R. DAVID TEBBEN AND COUNCIL MEMBER ABEL

As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Council Member Strand was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at the meeting in Mayor Tebben's absence from the City.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Strand.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Mayor Tebben and Council Member Abel were absent.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 24, 2007, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Strand read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

- 1. Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communication Center
September Report,
Fire Department September Report, Police Department September Report
- 2. Pekin Public Library Fund Financial Statements April 30, 2007**
Prepared by Willock Warning & Co., P.C.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Impact of Statewide No Smoking Ban

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss briefed Council on State legislation passed in July to prohibit smoking in all public places effective January 1, 2008 and the impact on the City. He provided printed information to the Council on complaints, enforcement, and violations. It was indicated that the Illinois Department of Public Health, local health department, and local law enforcement agencies would be charged with compliance. The City would be affected by the unfunded mandate as a result of more work by the departments from implementation, phone calls, and enforcement. Council Members felt there was need for public education for which a Tazewell County Smoke Free Coalition had been setup. Council Member Blanchard questioned the allocation of the fines and if parks were included in prohibited areas.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **CITY CONCUR WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AT BROADWAY ROAD AND PARKWAY DRIVE INTERSECTION TO THE LOW BIDDER R A CULLINAN AND SON, INC.** City Manager Dennis Kief briefed Council on the history of the sources of funding including Hazard Elimination Safety grant and additional PPUATS funding. He told Council the project had grown over the 7 years of planning to \$1, 216,000 estimate. Council Member Blanchard spoke in support of the project turn lanes and traffic signal upgrades, which could improve safety in the high accident location but also expressed concern as to the pattern of increased costs to already budgeted projects. He requested that staff review the planning process and funding of all projects closer to avoid additional expenses. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A264 - 07/08
AMENDING TITLE 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE
TRAFFIC CODE NO PARKING SCHEDULE
3RD AND MCLEAN STREETS

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 1462-A264 – 07/08 be adopted. Police Chief Gillespie advised Council that the Traffic Safety Committee reviewed concerns that parked vehicles obstructed the view of traffic traveling on South 3rd Street and recommended that parking be prohibited 145' to McLean. It was indicated that no residents would be impacted by the restriction. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 16 - 07/08
AMENDING THE PERSONNEL POLICY OF THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK REGARDING
CELL PHONE POLICY REVISION

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Resolution No. 16 – 07/08 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief told Council that there were approximately 30 City cell phones used by City employees. He indicated City cell phones were for business purposes only and that language added to the policy would put in place a means of reimbursing the City for personal calls for unforeseen circumstances on City phones. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND PEKIN LA MARSH DRAINAGE AND LEVEE DISTRICT** be approved. Council was informed that the City had entered into an agreement with the Drainage District to gain access to the river for a west side boat ramp. The amendment expands stipulations for City access, security of the site and general maintenance. Council Member Blanchard expressed concern for spending on the west side of the river. Discussion followed on the additional costs of guardrails, lights, and security camera. Mayor Pro Tem Strand spoke in support of the value in the added security in deterring vandalism of City property. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Kortkamp, Dunn, and Strand; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 12, 2007 BE CANCELLED AND THE MEETING BE RESCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2007.** Council Members were advised that Veterans Day was on a Sunday but observed on Monday. Action to cancel was necessary until the language in the Code regarding meeting dates were revised in reference to City holidays. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard encouraged everyone's attendance at the dedication of Rail Slitter's Park on October 12, 2007. He also requested that Council Members contact the City Manager regarding Derby Street TIF project. He indicated that he had received complaints about the timing of traffic signals at the 14th Street and Park Avenue intersection and asked that Traffic Safety Committee review the matter.

Mayor Pro Tem Strand announced activities planned by the YWCA in bringing awareness to eliminating abuse through Week Without Violence October 14-20, 2007. She informed members that they had been invited to participate in the testing and activities scheduled for the City Health Fair on Wednesday, October 24, 2007 at the Dragon Dome

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

No further business to come before the Council Mayor Pro Tem Strand adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:04 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk