
**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 9, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT

ABSENT: NONE

Megan Hanley, a 4th grade student at Wilson Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **Minutes of the Special City Council Meeting of September 21, 2006 and the corrected minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 25, 2006 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman reminded the public by Council's approving the consent agenda all the following items read were approved.

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

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** Police Department September Report, TPCCC Report, and Tazewell County Animal Control
2. **Proclamation:** "International Alpha Delta Kappa Month" October 2006
"National Fire Prevention Week" October 8-14, 2006
"National Physical Therapy Month" October 2006

3. **Ordinance No. 2493-06/07-- Changing the street name of Lick Creek Drive to Velde Drive**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Police Chief Timothy Gillespie presented in a Power Point the monthly department head structure and operations for the **Police Department**. He described the roll of the organizational levels; command officers, investigations, patrol, records, honor guard, K-9 unit and bike patrol, as well as events sponsored during the year, Night Out Against Crime and COPS for Kids. Chief Gillespie told Council that Pekin does not have a gang problem and that Pekin has a low crime rate compared to other communities of the city's size.

New Business

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

City Manager Dennis Kief introduced to Council the newly hired department head, Steve Brown.

Corporation Counsel provided context for the next three ordinances presented. Attorney Dancey advised that the Planning Commission over a year ago recommended that review of special use for the sale of alcohol be removed from the duties of the commission and the responsibility now that there was a Liquor Commission be appropriately place under their direction. The following amendments to Titles 9-Zoning and 3-Liquor Code provided that language change. The third ordinance amended the provision for payment of all annual fees to be paid in one payment.

ORDINANCE NO. 2494-06/07

**AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTERS 6, 7, AND 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING SPECIAL USE OF LIQUOR PREMISES**

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2494 -06/07 be adopted. The language removed the requirement for the Planning Commission to consider Special Use request for alcoholic liquor sales. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2495-06/07

**AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING LIQUOR CODE AND SPECIAL USE FOR LIQUOR SALES**

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2495 -06/07 be adopted. The language required the Liquor Commission to consider Special Use request for alcoholic liquor sales. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2496-06/07

**AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 1 AND 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING LICENSE FEES AND PAYMENTS**

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that Ordinance No. 2496 -06/07 be adopted. The language provided one-time payment for Liquor Fees due on May 1 of each year. Com'r. Blanchard spoke in opposition to the change and emphasized removing the ½ payment option especially for a \$1,200 liquor license fee placed a burden on small businesses. Com'r. Maddox questioned how many applicants chose the available ½ payment and City Clerk Sue McMillan confirmed 4 licensees out of 40+ licenses issued. Com'r. Dagit noted that all businesses need to plan for expenses throughout the year. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, Dagit, Mackaman.; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY FOR A GRANT TO BE USED FOR THE CITY'S RECYCLING PROGRAM IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,000**, be approved. Council was informed that the agreement was monitored in compliance with the County Solid Waste Management Plan. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY FOR A GRANT TO BE USED FOR THE PURCHASE OF A RECYCLING COLLECTION TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35,000**, be approved. Council was informed that the grant was to be monitored in compliance with the County Solid Waste Management Plan. Greg Ranney, Director of Solid Waste, was credited for seeking the additional grant for the purchase of the truck used in the City's recycling program. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 167-06/07

FINAL PLAT OF MARIGOLD ESTATES PHASE 12

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that Resolution No. 167-06/07 be adopted. A Final Plat for the continued development of Marigold Estate of 35 residential lots on the north side of Pekin was presented. The developer had provided satisfactory evidence of construction drawings to staff. The approval was recommended after review by the Planning Commission at Hearing #1700 and Hearing #1715. (2 preliminary plats requested in one final) On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Mackaman requested that Council members meet with the City Manager to give him their thoughts about the proposed five-year capital and personnel budgets in order to prepare the draft of the operational budgets. The Mayor distributed to Council his Visitor's Bureau Program Proposal along with his comments. He would asked for Council action at the next meeting. The Mayor also announced as a follow up to discussion at a previous meeting regarding Sunset Hill Lake Estates Development, the staff would set aside money in the budget for a study to determine what shape the dam was in and at what cost there would be to maintain it.

He then asked City Clerk Sue McMillan to announce the order of important dates for the upcoming municipal elections

- Nominating petitions available – circulation date was September 19, 2006
- Filing Period December 11-18, 2006
- Consolidated Primary Election February 27, 2007 (if necessary)
- General Election April 17, 2007

The Mayor drew attention to the hazards that political signs on public right-of-way can cause. He informed the public that the Code would be strictly enforced with no warning. Signs could be retrieve at the Public Property Building on Koch Street.

Birthday greetings for a Happy 55th were extended to Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner.

Steve Thompson, Director of Tazewell Pekin Consolidated Communications Center was acknowledged for being chosen 1 of 16 people nationwide to create a national response plan for 911 dispatchers.

Council agreed, after some opposition to using Council meeting time and setting special dates, to call a Special Meeting to consider the adoption of a resolution urging the Governor and Legislature to address the projected 55% increase in the costs of electricity. To comply with the 48-hour notice of the Open Meetings Act the time was set for Wednesday, October 11, 2006 at 6:35 p.m.

City Manager Dennis Kief informed Council that he would be meeting with each of the departments to discuss there budget submissions on Thursday, October 19, 2006. The Fire Department was commended for their successful Open House on Saturday, October 7, 2006. The Manager told the Council about his support for the Mets in the baseball championship games and how he became a Mets fan.

Chief Timothy Gillespie informed Council that the Administrative Secretary to the Police Department, Marsha Craven, left the position to help with her grandchild. Best wishes were extended to her.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner, made Council and the public aware of the size requirement for campaign signs.

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss thanked all that attended and made the Fire Department Open House a success. He announced that the department would be celebrating 100 Years as a paid department in May, 2007 with a bigger event.

Crystal Dagit 1413 Charlotte Street thanked the City Council for their support of the Scott Altman Program at the Dome sponsored by Tazewell County Historic Places Society.

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

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11 and Personnel 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council returned to open session.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:53 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk