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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, SEPTEMBER 26, 2016 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, ORRICK, ABEL, RITCHASON, LUFT, AND MCCABE

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER DUNN

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor John McCabe.

Roll was called. All Council Members were physically present except Council Member Dunn. A quorum was declared.

AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Abel that the agenda be approved as presented. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 12, 2016 be approved as written.** Council Member Golden brought to the members' attention that the minutes did not reflect what individuals from the public addressed at the end of the meeting under Any Other Business to Come Before the Council. Mayor McCabe commented the minutes followed requirements of the Open Meetings Act. City Manager Sarah Newcomb advised the minutes as recorded were a common best-practices used by clerks. City Clerk Sue McMillan stated Public Input for business items was not missing and individuals were recorded in the minutes. Council Member Ritchason asked and the City Manager confirmed the practice would be from here on out. Council Member Golden stated he would not be voting for the minutes because they did not reflect the individuals who spoke on his behalf. Was not an accurate reflection of what took place. On roll call vote; Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Abel, Ritchason, and McCabe; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried

PUBLIC INPUT
Mayor McCabe read from 5 ILCS 120/2.06 public's right to speak but also expressed the need to curtail abusive behavior and name calling and be as civil as possible.
Robert Bramham addressed 9.2 of the agenda, an ordinance to restrict parking on 10th Street at Park Avenue. He gave an account of a similar issue of a congested area of concern on 19th Street and the Housing. He told of the police contacted the residents regarding their input on restricting parking. He gave credit to the chief for taking into consideration the driveways on 10th Street.
Ann Witzig Distributed a list of questions she asked to be answered by the next meeting. She then commented on 7.2 of the Consent Agenda to Receive and File Bids for Annual Street Maintenance. Her comment being how money is obtained. Next address was to 7.3 Receive and File Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals. In reference to the recording of a variance for a driveway request from Mr, Fry that was denied. She questioned why the Code Enforcement Officer Shana Wade brought to Mr Fry's attention that the drive was in violation and had to be torn out.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that the Consent Agenda be approve as presented. The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated September 2, 2016; Tazewell County Animal Control August Report; Tourism Committee Minutes dated September 15, 2016; Building Inspection Reports for August; and Police Department August Report.	

7.2 Receive and File: Bids Annual Street Maintenance Various 16-00000-01-GM opened September 13, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.	
7.3 Receive and File Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated September 14, 2016.	

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

UNITED WAY PRESENTATION: Earl Riley Campaign Chairman 2017 spoke to the Council on the importance of the fundraising campaign for the more than 24 programs and services provide by the community partners and funded by their contributions. He asked that the members encourage employers, coworkers, friends, and neighbors to support the United Way.

LIBRARY REPORT: Jeff Brooks Director told the Council that September was library card sign up month. He reported that the new facility had an 11% increase over two years ago in children's services. The library hosted many adult programs and the use of meeting rooms. Council Member Luft asked Mr. Brooks to clarify the misconception that you had to live in the City to check out books. Council Member Orrick noted the availability of a 3D printer.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that the **DONATION TO THE PEKIN AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN THE AMOUNT OF $14,000.00** be approved. It was explained to the Council that the City had contributed to the Chamber for over 60 years. The purpose was to support and promote local businesses. The Chamber had championed the Pekin roads through the Transportation Committee efforts. The Chamber recently had stepped up to help with tourism related issues. They had offered to maintain EnjoyPekin website. The Chamber had been a key advocate with the City in issues at the federal level such as the prison. Council Members, Luft, Orrick, Ritchason, Abel and Mayor McCabe spoke in support of the contribution:

- Recommended in the Efficiency Study for partnership on tourism and economic development.
- Needed more than ever with the absence of an Economic Development and Tourism Director.
- Good opportunity for redirection and restructuring within the City.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A348-16/17
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1.D
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
RECARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE
S. 10TH STREET PARK AVENUE TO WINTER STREET

Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Ordinance No. 1462-A348-16/17 be adopted. TSC Chairman Kurt Nelson presented the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to restrict parking on the east side of South 10th Street between Park Avenue and Winter Street. Fire Chief Nelson explained impact to the least driveways was taken into consideration. Council Members Ritchason and Orrick spoke in support of the restriction. Council Member Golden questioned how many residents were interviewed and that one person requested the change. The Chief explained it was a safety issue of concern for some time due to traffic congestion on the narrow street with vehicles having to back up at times when meeting another in the roadway. Council Member Golden stated he did not know much about the issue presented and was going to abstain in voting. There was a far less safe condition of a lane change that he had previously brought forward at 14th and Derby Streets and would like to see it addressed first. On roll call vote; Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Abel, Ritchason, and McCabe; Abstain, Golden. Motion Carried

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **BID FOR THE ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE SEAL COATING PROJECT 16-00000-01-GM be approved.** City Engineer Michael Guerra request that Council approve the only bid for the project and award the Contract to R.A. Cullinan Inc. the amount of $70,180.94for the project described as Sheridan Redwood from Redwood Drive east to City limits, 5th Street from approximately the houses to Veterans Drive, and Audubon Drive from

Court Street to City limits. He told the Council this year's project included partnering with the Park District project of Red Bud Drive and Dragon Drive for joint coordination of bidding. PCI ratings near 60 made the road ideal candidates for seal coating to help slow deterioration and extend the life of the roads. Council Member Orrick noted some of the Streets were not constructed by the City but came under annexations. He questioned if in the future when brought in they be required to bring to City standards. There was the opinion that would be accomplished in an annexation agreement but Attorney Dancey was skeptical that a special assessment could be placed on nonresidents' property on a partial road such as Audubon. Council Member Abel noted just a few years ago the City was spending 10 times as much for road repair. Council Member Golden questioned the costs of the Park District's seal coating and when he would see an agreement between the City and Park. He was informed the Park District was invoiced for their share. The questioned was asked regarding impact if denied and discussion followed on reallocation of approve MFT funding. Council Member stated he was still waiting on the street maintenance plan talked about over three years ago and was finding it hard to approve based on the criteria used in determining project streets. He would not support. Council Member Luft asked Mr. Guerra to speak on other area townships repair methods. While on the subject of Audubon Drive Council Member Luft asked that a City limit sign be placed at the boundary of the Drive. On roll call vote; Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Abel, Ritchason, and McCabe; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Robert Bramham, John McNish, Ann Witzig, Tyler Tucker, Steve Moore presented questions to the Council. Staff Members were given the opportunity to address the Council.

Council Member Abel was told that the discussion with property developer/owners bring the private road, Sara Lane, to City standards fell through. He was also told that the work off Broadway across from the entrance to Country Club Estate was outside the City but appeared to be construction of a dam. Council Member Golden regarding the lack of sidewalks and curbs at Edison and CB Smith Schools that Mr. Tucker had questioned, noted that schools were identified in the 1992 Transition Plan. He commented that those schools should be identified in the new Plan as a high priority. Council Member Golden noted the shoulder at Veterans Drive and Griffin was completely falling apart. He questioned the plan for maintaining Veterans Drive and was told the Street Department would be instructed to address the shoulder of Veterans Drive. He noted items that had been requested and not received: Letter of Findings on the North Pekin Agreement and Billings from the Corporation Counsel for North Pekin matter. He commented that it was a two way street if the Mayor asked that the public not to criticize than the Council should be admonished for using the term demeaning to cheerleaders in calling the public Golden's cheerleaders. Council Member Luft thanked Mr. Moore for his positive remarks. He asked that the IT issues of the airing of the Council meetings be addressed. Expressed his concern regarding what was being installed as ADA ramps. He shared that it was an honor to attend the memorial for Jan Donahue at James Field, a women that had done a lot of work for the community. He said he was still receiving a lot of concerns on the video gaming matter and questioned if establishments were going to be limited. Council Member Luft agreed with Mr. Tucker's concerns of 4 drop-offs at Edison School and the safety issue it presents on 14th Street. He asked that it be reviewed by the Traffic Safety Committee. He expressed the need for the Council to get on track and start addressing the City's policies. Council Member Orrick thanked the department heads for attending the meeting. He noted the one department head does not and said it would be helpful if he did because the complaints received are for operational matters. Council Member Orrick echoed the importance of the United Way fundraising drive for the community. On the matter of the audio visual, Council Member Orrick made a motion for the next Agenda to start an A/V project with use of the Impound Ordinance fund. He was told that it was already on the agenda. Mayor McCabe spoke to the question of naming Veteran's Drive in honor of a Veteran. He publicly thanked the Police Chief and Fire Chief for hosting a special birthday party for a boy on Sunday. Mayor McCabe advised the Council on the status of discussions that had been before the Liquor Commission on the video gaming matter.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Luft that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk