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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, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL. HENDRICKS, MASSAGLIA, AND BARRA (McCABE following oath)

ABSENT: NONE (vacancy)

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

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

Mayor Barra explained the rearrangement of order of business to allow for a department head to attend a funeral and the new Council Member to participate in the business meeting. New Business item 11.3 would be considered following the Oath of Office.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, 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 Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, September 12, 2011 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 15-11/12
APPOINTMENT TO COUNCIL

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that Resolution No. 15-11/12 – the Mayor's appointment of John McCabe to the office of Council Member until the next Municipal Election in 2013, be adopted. The resolution completed the obligation to fill the vacancy of the 7 member Council within 60 days following the resignation of Council Member John Neumann. Mayor Barra informed the Council and public that after considering names of persons that contacted her and others of interest she was pleased to put forward the name of John McCabe as the appointed member. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

OATH OF OFFICE

City Clerk Sue McMillan administered the Oath of Office to John McCabe.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks seconded by Council Member Abel that the expenditure for the Pekin **COMMUNITY GUIDE** in the amount of $2,995.00 be approved. Economic Development Director Leigh Ann Matthews presented an unbudgeted tourism expense for a full page ad through a Pekin Chamber of Commerce / Community Link Marketing Company project. Council was informed the publication occurs every two years and targets visitors, newcomers and business prospects. On roll call vote Ayes; Abel, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, Massaglia, Barra; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

8.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Traffic Safety Committee Minutes September 2, 2011, Police and Fire Departments August Reports, Liquor Commission Minutes August 25, 2011.
8.2 Receive and File Requests for Quotes For Qualifications for Residential Energy Aggregation Consultant

On roll call vote; Ayes, Blanchard, Abel Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia, Barra; Present, McCabe. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
BUDGET/REVENUES REPORT
City Treasurer James Wolf distributed 4 Months Ended April 30, 2011, Investment Earnings, Revenues Over Expenses, and Major Revenue Sources reports. Mr. Wolf highlighted areas to bring to Council's attention:

- total of revenues over expenses without the sewer debt / construction figures included
- purchase of five new busses in school bus operation line items - expenses exceed revenues for the period
- Average investment earnings of 1.18% down from 2.95% a year ago.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the Service Agreement with Good Energy, L.P. be **removed from the table**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH GOOD ENERGY, L.P. to perform electricity consultant and procurement services,** be approved. City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised that he completed a review of qualifications submitted by 4 potential companies as directed by Council. He stated based on the information, Good Energy had the experience and knowledge to provide the best service to secure electrical energy aggregation for City residents and small businesses. Council Members spoke in support of the recommendation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the City owned **PARKING LOT LEASE WITH CENTURY LINK** for property at the corner of Ann Eliza and 4th Street be extended for a two-year term at $833.33 / mo. The telecommunications company requested permission to exercise their option to extend the rental for employee parking until December 31, 2013. The agreement was recommended for the income by a continuous user on a lot that was not used in the past when it was available for rent to individuals per spot. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member McCabe that the City **PURCHASE THE 7 PARCELS** presented by legal descriptions along the north side of Petri Lane for completion of the sidewalk extension and that the expenditures be approved by omnibus vote. City Engineer Michael Guerra presented the request to Council for the 2,132 sq ft of right of way from individual owners to have a complete sidewalk from 14th Street to 5th Street at approximately $3,200. Council Member Blanchard questioned the determination of the estimated figure. Council was advised there was difficulty in contacting one individual for confirming their agreement but there was a set price per sq ft. for all parcels. Council Member Blanchard suggested an amount not to exceed be used. Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the motion be **amended to an amount not to exceed $4,000.00.** On roll call vote; Ayes, Blanchard, Schmidgall, McCabe, Hendricks, Massaglia, Barra; Nay, Abel. Motion Carried. Mayor Barra asked that the amended motion be restated. Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that the City **purchase the 7 parcels** presented by legal descriptions along the north side of Petri Lane for completion of the sidewalk extension and that the expenditure in a **total amount not to exceed $4,000.00** be approved by omnibus vote. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the expenditure in the amount of $153,654 for a **NEW REAR LOADER TRUCK for the Solid Waste Department** be approved. Bob Shaw Operations Supervisor of Streets and Solid Waste recommended that a new budgeted truck be purchased to replace old trucks in the fleet. Quotes were received for conversion cab, body, and chassis. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

City Manager Joseph Wuellner discussed with Council the bid for rehabilitation of 320 Court Street parking lot in the amount of $346,355.00 that was not approved at the August 22 meeting. He presented an option of making the lot a green space which could include grading work completed by the street department and possibly an irrigation system estimated at $27,000. Council discussed previous leaser's parking for DCFS employees, placement of HVAC units, liability issues, and barricades that had been placed. Council Members supported the lesser expense and directed the Manager to proceed with gathering costs for the green space project.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member Schmidgall questioned the status of the Cambridge water issue and the collection of hotel revenue for the Place on Prince.

Council Member McCabe thanked the Mayor and Council for his appointment as the new member and expressed to the public his intention, as in his campaign for election, to be the voice for the public.

Council Member Blanchard requested that the developers report on the status of the rehabilitation project of the 200 Block of Court Street at the next Council Meeting. Council set a date of Tuesday, October 4 at 5:00 p.m. for a walk-thru of the 200 Block if the developers were agreeable.

Mayor Barra announced that Council and Staff would meet to discuss a strategic plan and services for the City on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. at the Pekin Community High School Vocational Center.

Treasurer Jim Wolf announced the annual meeting of the Salvation Army would be held on October 17, 2011 with guest speaker Congressman Aaron Schock.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, distributed to the Council his proposal for contacting such groups as Main Street, tourism, and the public to contract for cleanup of Court Street at his estimate of $2,000.00.

Steve Moore, 2010 Westgate, complimented the City for the cleanup of the municipal lot adjacent to Missy's on Margaret Street. He suggested the backs of Court Street buildings seen on Margaret Street be dressed up.

Mayor Barra allowed the public 5 minutes each to address the matter of A Place on Prince. The following residents, previous residents, family members, concerned individuals, addressed the Council regarding their support of Roxy and Roger Greer's efforts to house homeless individuals:
Daniel Jones, Mary Holt (3232 Westbrook, Peoria), Brenda Morris, Joetta Barber, Angela Braun, Allen Trueblood, (621 Ann Eliza), Jordon Cook (707 Green, Peoria), Leia Springer (3141 Edgewater), Roxy Greer, Andy Bell (2902 W. Wyoming), Freda Greer (208 S Main, Mackinaw), Dan Friend, and Jeff Faculty. Council heard Roger Greer tell of his son's service in the navy for the sake of liberty and Mr. Greer's opposition for the City to vacate the housing he provided at 601 Prince. Richard Reeves, 429 South Street, suggested the City allow residents to remain in the property by using a rotating fire guard.

Mayor Barra reiterated to those in attendance that the use of the property as a multi resident health care facility was no longer code compliant once the property changed hands. She stated that Mr. Greer upon purchasing the property a year ago was informed of the provisions of the code for single family residence and that housing of Veterans as he intended was prohibited. There was now a problem, not created by the City, but created by Mr. Greer. Mayor Barra advised that the State Fire Marshal reviewed the occupancy and provided Mr. Greer with the inspection report of identified violations for occupancy. Other Council Members expressed their concern that Mr. Greer chose not to install required fire sprinklers.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:35 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5). Purchase of Real Estate. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:55 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk