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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John McCabe.

CALL TO ORDER

All members of the Council were present for roll and a quorum was declared.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:18 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	5:02 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	5:00 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	5:01 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:14 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:14 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	5:20 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

4.2. City Council - Regular Meeting - Sep 11, 2017 5:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

PUBLIC INPUT

John McNish questioned if action on 8.4 for the airport project of replacing airfield lighting hadn't already been approved and expended. Mr. McNish commented on new business 8.2 the Intergovernmental Agreement for consolidation of the Public Safety Answering Points and questioned 20.8% Funding formula for the Pekin Police Department. Mr. McNish spoke in favor of the American Junior Golf Association Sponsorship and challenged the Mayor and Chamber of Commerce to secure some new businesses and restaurants so visitors for the event would not be running to Bloomington for activities or lodging.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Police Department August 2017 Monthly Stats

6.2. Enjoy Pekin Tourism Minutes August 8, 2017

6.3. Motion to: **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

7.1. American Junior Golf Association Presentation Regarding Proposed 2018 Pekin Tournament

Local Marketing Promoters of sponsorship's for the AJGA 2018 Pekin event Scott Fagley and Ryan Thornton spoke to Council on the benefits of joining Pekin Insurance and Unity Point - Pekin in sponsorship. In a short video they detailed the history and events of the tournament. The video slides documented Ashland Kentucky's economic impact of hosting an event.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. American Junior Golf Association Sponsorship

Recommendation for approval of $7,500 sponsorship for AJGA from the Tourism Hotel/Motel Tax Fund was made by Katy Schackelford, City Planner. Council was informed of the details of the event located at Pekin Country Club and Lick Creek Golf Courses. The proposed tournament would feature 96 junior golfers, ages 12-19, from around the world, D.A. Points involvement. Tournament had potential to attract regional and national media attention and provides positive economic impact for a one year sponsorship commitment of $7,500. City Manager Anthony Carson told the Council the economic benefits to the City justified the $7,500 expenditure. The estimates given in the application supported the clientele that attend these tournaments would spend money in Pekin. Council Member Orrick's questions on dates were answered as follows: July 8 qualifiers; July 9 Junior-AM; Tournament play July 10, 11. 12. Members spoke in support of funding. Discussion arose as to committing Pekin to a three year agreement to insure the tournament would continue in the City. It was noted the 3 year agreement was only top sponsors of $35,000.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.2. Intergovernmental Agreement for PSAP Consolidation

City Manager Carson presented the Agreement and asked Police Chief Dossey, Fire Chief Nelson and City Attorney Burt Dancey involved in the proposed terms of the agreement to speak to the action requested. Chief Dossey told the Council the intergovernmental provisions between the City of Pekin, City of East Peoria, City of Washington, Village of Morton, Tazewell County, Tazewell County Sheriff and the Tazewell County (ETSB) Emergency Telephone System Board was an agreement as it pertained to the consolidation project mandated by the State of Illinois. The submitted plan and report by Richard Tucker Associates aided the entities in the consolidation of their Emergency Telephone System Board to 2 public safety answering points (PSAPs). The plan would create a second 911 call center in the Village of Morton, dissolve the current (TPCCC) Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communications Center and implement one governing board to oversee operations of the two PSAP's. The consolidation would decrease the City's annual costs for both fire and police. In answering Mr. McNish's public input question Chief Dossey stated the 20.8% was based on with potential savings of $20,000 funding formula of calls for services or activities. Fire Chief Nelson advised the Council consolidations had been previously discussed 2 or 3 times over 20 years, but did not move forward because the participants did not want to lose their dispatch centers. He described the new make up after TPCCC was dissolved as consisting of a Board Operations Board, and ETSB Board. Attorney gave the following reasons that the group supported submitting to the Council: Potential increase in efficiency and safety and savings. Whereas State mandates were sometimes not welcomed this mandate made sense and also required all entities involved worked together. Mayor McCabe spoke in support as a previous member of the TPCCC Board.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.3. Ordinance No. 2771-17/18 Approval and Plat for the Vacation of the Sharon Avenue Right-of-Way

City Engineer Mike Guerra brought forward the recommendation of the Pekin Planning Commission for the City to approve the request from Pekin Insurance to vacate Sharon Avenue right-of-way. He advised the Council no adverse comments were received at PPC level; he had been working for months with John Lebegue, Building & Inspections and Pekin Insurance to vacate the street from Court Street into Pekin Insurance property to facilitate the expansion plans of the facility which was now wholly surrounded by land owned and purchased. No easements were needed. Pekin Insurance would be responsible for maintenance and relocation of utilities in their expansion plan. Council Member Orrick spoke in support of approval noting Pekin Insurance's contributions to being a good community member and City partner.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.4. Agreement with Hanson Engineering for Engineering Services to Replace Remaining Airfield Lighting

City Engineer Mike Guerra informed the Council of the agreement before them for approval of the design services with Hanson Professional Services for Phase Two project at the airport. He acknowledged Mr. McNish was correct in that a lighting project was approved last year by Council. This phase would include replacing airfield electrical vault, beacon unit and tower, relocation of regulator, replacement of remaining lighting, signage and navigational in an amount not to exceed $90,140. The money was programmed through IDOT's Division of Aeronautics program in which the City was reimbursed 95% of cost. City share would be $4,507.00. He advised electrical components had exceeded their useful life some greater than 35 years old and efficiencies to operate and maintain and some no longer met FAA standards. Council Member Luft questioned if State grant money had been received and Mr. Guerra explained the process of first receiving State commitment in a program letter, City wait for reimbursement after completed project, payment to contractors. There was discussion with Council Member Orrick concerning reduced electricity bills and the intention to have completed prior to the proposed AJGA Golf Tournament for utilization of the airport. Council Member Garrison's question of the State had paid for Phase one; how many operations were counted a day for usage at airport; had privatization or sale ever been considered? In responses to Mr. Garrison's questions was the airport self funded and that funding was supplemented by the General Fund/taxpayer. Mr. Carson commented that the City continued to strive to make the airport self-sufficient with marketing and fuel pricing. Council Member Luft spoke in support of improvements to the property of 5 cents on the dollar as a great opportunity for the City.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	Michael Garrison

8.5. Task Order 003 for Engineering Agreement with Midwest Engineering for Street and Sidewalk Maintenance

A request was made to Council by the City Engineer to approve the Task Order 003 within the Midwest Master Service Agreement in the amount of $14,150.00. The task would be to assist the City in evaluation of roads to create listing in need of repair for the next budget year. Mr. Carson expanded on the new process for a more efficient way of improving street repairs. The listing would be presented to Council for ranking in November, bid in winter, work take place in Spring and Summer. Council Member Luft asked what a PCI rating was. Mr. Guerra explained the rating was an evaluation based on several factors such as cracking, pot holes, smoothness, weathering, roughness and overall condition compared to 2014 compiled ratings. Council Member Luft stated list should be put aside and to address what roads were obvious in need of repair. He questioned paying $14,150.00 to point out something the Council already knew or could gather from themselves or the public. Discussion followed on brick street repair after Council Member Orrick's comments and concerns for Buena Vista, 6th Street, and asphalt repair that did not work over brick on 7th Street.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, McCabe
NAYS:	Mark Luft

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Charity Galette told of her struggles with code violations of next door neighbor. She asked that Council give serious consideration to including teeth in code enforcement provisions when Chronic Nuisance Ordinance came before them for adoption.

John McNish commented on following: Sidewalk 50/50 program presently being used was not what the City Code states PAL Health Technologies closure in the Business Park meant another company the City would not receive revenue from. Stated the public should be told the truth airport had never been in the black and was not ever going to be.

Ann Witzig had been $40,000 in red. There was need to increase fees. Streets need to be addressed in a better manner. Do something taxpayer wants and fix those with pot holes and used the most first. Felt departments could do more of the work than hiring companies to review.

Elaine Richey voiced concern her recycling was not picked up for 4 weeks. Felt yard crew was doing good. Questioned why City was buying supplies at Costco when local company offered discounts when she was employed.

City Manager Carson made clear he did not say Airport operated in the black. He felt the statement of him not telling the truth was offensive and wrong. It was unfortunate the public uses 5 minutes being negative to speak. He stated the City was realizing 40-50-60% savings shopping prices for supplies and would continue to spend in the most efficient way. Announced Spruce Up Pekin event week of October 2-6 would not be taking electronics.

Katy Schackelford announced Pekin Transportation Summit November 7, 2017 welcomed Tom West to the downtown who was in the process of opening West Dublin Pub at 507 Court Street.

Council Member Orrick questioned if the county had been approached to partner in purchase of supplies. Mr. Carson stated he had purchasing document ready and moving forward to get all entities, county, schools, park, etc. together to discuss savings in partnering for supplies. He advised Council Member Orrick that the purchase of a tar kettle for savings in Street Department doing crack fill could not be justified because the department did not have the personnel. The Council Member thanked the manager for moving up the street repair process within the budget. Mr. Carson told the Council the budget timeline was planned to meet with Department Heads in January, Council to have estimates 6-8 weeks before April 30, 2018. Need previous 9 months of actual expenses to budget next year. Because of uncertainties of longer out than a year, not useful to project 2 year budgets. Council Member Abel asked about status of Parkway and Court and was told owner was sited through hearing process, demanded 30 day improvement, city would continue to monitor. Owner continues plan for car wash. City Engineer responded to the Council Member's question of the 14th and Park Avenue intersection that the flow of traffic at that location would be on the next Traffic Safety Committee Meeting for review.

Council Member Garrison commented that he had been approached about the clean up of the Herget Mansion property. The Manager would check about the property growth in relationship to provisions in the Code.

Council Member Luft thanked individuals in attendance for their input and comments in regards to business closings he stated he had read there would be 22% increase in retail closures in the next year. Movement was to buy on line. There was need for City to look in technology business to recruit. He thanked Dan Newcomb for installation of the Chambers new window blinds. The Council Member noted the lines of communications were opening and the expressed appreciation Mayor McCabe in response to business closing, noted new businesses in the medical field, Unity Point Medical Office. Recruiting businesses was more and more a challenge, but the City was making strides.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)

10.1. Motion to: **Move to Executive Session to discuss 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel**
Mayor McCabe indicated there was not the need to move to Executive Session to discuss Personnel as he had previously thought.

ADJOURN

With no further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Garrison to adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.