
**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 25, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT
ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Minutes

Motion Mayor Mackaman, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 11, 2006 and the Special Meeting of September 13, 2006 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

The following people spoke in opposition regarding Council's consideration of the resolution approving the Final Plat for Sunset Lake Estates Subdivision. Concerns regarding the high risk safety of the dams, the traffic, emergency ingress and egress and the flood plain were expressed.

Leo Hall 1612 Summit

Marg Melchers 1821 Highwood

David Johnson 1803 Highwood

Don Houge 1614 Summit

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda.

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

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** T/PCCC Report, Project Status Report, and Pekin Planning Commission Minutes
2. **Proclamation:** "National Association Memory Walk" October 7, 2006
"YWCA Week Without Violence" October 15-21, 2006
"Make A Difference Day" October 28, 2006
3. **Receive and File Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
 - a. Hearing #1726 - approval of Special Use Request from Midwest Holdings, LLC for development and operation of an assisted living facility on South 14th Street and Windstar Lane

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

MONTHLY FINANCE REPORT FOR AUGUST 2006

Treasurer Charles Renner presented to Council a written summary of the financial condition of the City Revenue and Expenditure totals for the month ended were reported. Mr. Renner noted a few items of attention:

- Cash flow was timing issue – tax checks from County to be mailed September 29, 2006
- Impact on revenue from 3 pay periods in the month

- Timing on receipt of tax income would be as bad next year

FIREFIGHTER RETIREE PRESENTATION

Fire Chief Chuck Laus presented “tool of their trade,” a mounted golden ax in recognition of their years of service to the City of Pekin and the Pekin Fire Department.

Driver William Stallings as of June 2, 2006	32 Years
Captain Steve Curto as of May 5, 2006	29 Years
Driver Michael Guy as of June 18, 2006	28 Years

Unfinished Business

THIRD PARTY AUDIT – A motion was made at the meeting of September 11, 2006 to end the Request for Proposal process to perform a third party audit of the City’s Cash Management Account and was postponed to a time certain. City Manager recommended Council not seek an outside company because the majority of the \$550,000 discrepancy had been accounted for in previous years’ bookkeeping and disclosure of errors in duplications in a software program. Com’r. Blanchard who had requested the City hire an outside firm addressed the issues he had with receiving the details of the explanation of differences. He asked that safe guards be in place for reconciliation of accounts and accountability of staff be enforced. Com’r. Dagit requested that satisfactory reconciliation be confirmed to Council in the Treasurer’s Monthly Report.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

EDA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD

Motion by Com’r. Maddox seconded by Com’r. Blanchard, that the **EDA FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARD** be accepted and the Mayor be authorized to sign the terms and conditions agreement. Mayor Mackaman and City Manager Dennis Kief announced that the City had received \$1,174,000 from the Department of Commerce to help facilitate the Hanna Drive Extension at Riverway Business Park. This was the third grant from the EDA in 8 years awarded to the City. Appreciation was extended to Congressman Ray LaHood and Senator Barrack O’Bama for their efforts in securing the federal funds. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 165-06/07

FINAL PLAT SUNSET LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION

Motion by Com’r. Jones, seconded by Com’r. Dagit, that Resolution No. 165-06/07 be adopted. A final plat for 23 lots of partial development of Sunset Hills Golf course in residential lot on the Executive Nine was presented. Staff confirmed the developer has provided satisfactory evidence of acquisition of all required State of Illinois and Federal licenses, permits, and mandated studies applicable. Planning Commission had recommended approval on March 22, 2004. Discussion followed among Council, staff and residents as to the necessary permits and as to the applicable permits and liability if the dam would break. It was confirmed that all necessary documentation to satisfy conditions for the plats were in order to begin construction. It was noted the dam was not in a risk of emanate failure, permits were not necessary for the private owned section of the dam, Fire Chief was satisfied with the cul-de-sac, and that the developer complied with all request. Com’r. Blanchard expressed concern in the safety of having one entrance in and out of the new subdivision. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, Dagit Mackaman; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 166-06/07

PRELIMINARY PLAT OSBREY COURT SUBDIVISION

Motion by Com’r. Jones, seconded by Com’r. Dagit, that Resolution No. 166-06/07 be adopted. Council considered the recommendation of the Planning Commission for a new 11.78 acre subdivision located on Sheridan Road @ Winged Foot Drive to be developed by Gary Allen. It was noted the plat submitted contained no duplexes. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Dagit seconded by Com’r. Blanchard, that the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST FROM MIDWEST HOLDINGS, LLC for an assisted living facility located at South 14th Street and Windstar Lane** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AGREEMENT WITH BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVANTAGES, INC.** be approved in the amount of \$6,000. Agreement is changing the current language from 3 sessions per employee per issues to 4 sessions per employee per issue. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2492-06/07

INCREASING THE NUMBER OF COUNCIL MEMBERS FROM FOUR TO SIX

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2492-06/07 be adopted. Mayor Mackaman read advantages of enlarging the Council and noted points of concerns that have been expressed from a prepared statement. He stated that Council size depended on 2 questions, how much representation was enough and how important was deliberation of issues. He explained a quorum would be four instead of three and a majority of a quorum, three instead of two. That would allow two members to discuss City business without violating the Open Meetings Act. Discussion followed. Com'r. Blanchard stated that he opposed increasing the number of council members because of the added expense of \$5,000 per Council member. Com'r. Dagit related opposition remarks to the Conceptual Plan Value that the city is to be fiscally responsible and \$10,000 could be better spent. Com'r. Maddox felt the increase would assure more representation of the people. Com'r. Jones stated he had nothing to add to the discussion. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, Blanchard, and Mackaman; Nay, Dagit. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

A transportation summit regarding the Route 9 Options was announced. The Open House that would emphasize alternatives to Court Street or VFW Road improvements was scheduled for October 3, 2006. The community was encouraged to attend. Also announced was an event on October 2, 2006 at which local astronaut Scott Altman would speak. Mayor Mackaman expressed appreciation for the effort and participation of staff and community representatives for a successful 12th Annual City Update.

Com'r. Dagit encouraged the community to contact their legislator and request that the utility rate be frozen for Ameran's most recent request to increase electricity rates.

Com'r. Blanchard extended congratulations to Community Development Director Pamela Anderson and family on the birth of her son Lucas James. He also expressed gratitude to Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney for a successful garbage collection program.

City Manager Dennis Kief reported to Council that the City had hired an Economic Development Director to fill the vacant position.

David Johnson 1803 Highwood addressed Council on the issue related to the Sunset Lake Estates development and the dams. He felt there was no governmental agency that had the authority to enforce means of protection. He requested that the city consider the safety of the dams in some way locally. The City Manager was directed by Council to review that matter to see if anything could be done legally.

Jack Shepler 1307 N. Capitol Street spoke to Council on his concerns regarding maintenance for the road in Veterans Cemetery. Mr. Shepler was told that staff would review any ownership or use information and respond to his questions.

Crystal Dagit 1413 Charlotte announced to Council that Astronaut Scott Altman was also holding an educational day on October 3, 2006. Over 2000 children would be bused to the event at the Dome.

Marg Melchers 1821 Highwood informed Council that the concerned residents of Sunset Hills had secured over 500 signatures opposed to the development of the Sunset Hills Lake Estates Subdivision.

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

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:48 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk