
**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 24, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
SUE ANN KORTKAMP * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, JONES, KORTKAMP, STRAND,
AND DUNN**

ABSENT: MAYOR R. DAVID TEBBEN

As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Council Member Kortkamp was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at the meeting in Mayor Tebben's absence from the City.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Pekin Community High School ROTC Broadmoor Junior High School Students.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present. Mayor Tebben was absent.

Agenda

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 10, 2007, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Pro Tem Kortkamp read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Monthly Reports and Minutes: Building Report, LADD Minutes Dated August 16, 2007, T/PCCC Monthly Report for July and August, Fire Reports for July and August, and Traffic Safety Minutes Dated September 7, 2007**
2. **Charitable Solicitation: Amvets collection of non-perishables for food pantry**
3. **Receive and File Resignation of Fred A. Miri from the Economic Development Advisory Committee**
4. **Resolution No. 15-07/08 – Mayor's Appointment of Charles Skip Schermerhorn to the Economic Development Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Fred A. Miri until the first Monday in May 2008.**
5. **Receive and File Planning Commission Minutes Dated September 12, 2007**
6. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
 - a. Hearing #07-1744 (revised) – recommends the rezoning of property pending Annexation in the proposed Wedge Development Tract 1, from RM-1 with an RT designation to RV-1 (original received by Council 08-27-09)
 - b. Hearing #07-1748 – recommends the zoning of South 5th Street Properties, Lots 1-3 to R-2 (Single Family Residential)
 - c. Hearing #07-1750 – recommends the amendment of Ordinance 9-10B-1/Parking as presented with corrections in wording to 9-20B-1-4E "vehicular parking" to complete the paragraph (Hearing #07-1747 additional code changes received by Council 08-13-07)

Motion was then made by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel to move the proclamation, agenda item 7. to the next item of business. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **MAYOR'S RESOLUTION IN PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF OCTOBER, 2007 AS "SAVE JAMES FIELD"** be received and filed. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Pro Tem Kortkamp then read the proclamation. Val Umholtz and Jan Donahue were presented the document that encouraged the community to save the baseball field, a part of Pekin history. The Chair and Co-Chair announced plans for a fundraiser to meet the goal necessary for the planned improvements.

Public Input

John McCabe 1407 Glendale addressed Council regarding proposed amendments to the Zoning Code. He felt two reasons stated for not permitting the parking of vehicles in front yards were not justified. Ground cover appearance was an attempt to meet someone else's standards and that parking deteriorates curbs was not understandable. He asked that Council reconsider the change.

Wayne Schmidt 1300 Velde Drive spoke in regards to the design of the Parkway storm drainage plan. He had concerns that the water was received in Lake Kennedy along with silt and garbage.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Snow Removal Report

Superintendent of Streets David Pagliaro informed Council through a Power Point Presentation the Operations of the Street Department for the Removal of Snow. He advised them of the miles covered, personnel, equipment and materials used in the operation. Questions from Council were answered regarding the completion of snow removal on main routes, hills, and residential streets; the price of salt, and the scheduling of the drivers.

Illinois River Sweep Report on clean-up of Pekin riverfront

Mark Werner Director of the local sweep, returned to the Council to present the results of the event and to recognize the efforts of those that donated their time including the ROTC, Broadmoor students and Girl Scout Troop #4108.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A166-07/08

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY

1606, 1618, AND 1620 SOUTH FIFTH STREET

PIN # 10-10-11-100-001 AND 10-10-11-100-002 AND 10-10-11-100-003

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Ordinance No. 1568 – A166-07/08 be adopted. Zoning assignment of R-2 was recommended by the Planning Commission for three annexed residential properties. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2532-OA-07/08

AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995

REGARDING ZONING / PARKING FRONT YARD

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2532-OA-07/08 be adopted. Staff member presented amendments to zoning requirements that would allow parking in front yards under certain circumstances and grant wider latitude for the amount of space as approved area. It was proposed with hard surfacing, that driveways could be constructed not exceeding 45% of total front yard in R-4 residential zoning areas. Council members questioned boats and campers parked in front yards and the enforcement of violations. Attorney Dancey addressed each change in the amendment and advised Council that the language had always been in the code to not allow parking in front yards. Driveways under construction needed to be hard surfaced. Council Member Jones suggested a decision on the changes be delayed. Council Member Blanchard asked for more time to meet with staff to discuss the changes. He suggested that consideration should wait until the Traffic Safety Committee made their recommendations for on-street parking issue.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Ordinance No. 2532-OA-07/08 be tabled. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Jones, Dunn, Abel, Kortkamp; Nay, Strand. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2533-07/08
ACCEPTING AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE
AND AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 2533-07/08 be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief briefed Council on the acquisition of 6.6 acres of property from Veterans Drive Investments, LLC for acquisition of right-of-way for Veterans Drive. An exchange of property with Sangalli would follow in the steps to be taken for the annexation and completion of documentation of the Wedge development. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **CITY MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR CELL PHONE SERVICE WITH VERIZON WIRELESS**. The City Manager informed Council that a request for proposals was sent to determine if rates and charges being paid for City phones could be contracted at a lower amount. Three bids were received. Mr. Kief confirmed a savings of \$3,000-\$5,000 would be gained over the life of the contract. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$67,000.00** be approved. Public Property Director Greg Ranney told Council that the agreement provided funds to be used in support and connection of the County Recycling Program, education of students in recycling areas, and to offset the cost of the City recycling program. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **ADDENDUM TO THE CONTRACT WITH STS CONSULTANTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$7,700.00 FOR THE DESIGN OF THE PARKWAY DRIVE STORM DRAINAGE PLAN** be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained to Council that during negotiations of the acquisition of right-of-way one owner did not want to allow a permanent easement. The contract for design needed to be changed to relocate the outlet pipe and obtain additional right-of-way from District 108. Mr. Wuellner then addressed the questions asked in Public Input in regards to the drainage of stormwater from Parkway Drive area into Lake Kennedy. It was noted that dollars had been placed in the Five-Year Capital Plan to expend for dredging of the lake. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard voiced concern that the conditions of the railroad crossing on Derby Street had not been corrected. He requested that additional pressure be placed on the Canadian National Railroad or that the City take measures to repair the tracks. Attorney Dancey advised that the City might have liability in that regards and it would not be a wise choice to shut down the crossing. Signs were suggested to warn motorists of deteriorated tracks. It was agreed to draft a letter to the corporate offices that would place the railroad on notice. Pictures of the safety issue would document the importance of the matter.

Member Blanchard then noted that the results of a poll taken by the *Pekin Daily Times* regarding the community's rating for priority projects was Treatment Plant Expansion, Southside TIF, Veterans Drive Extension.

Discussion was held regarding the regular schedule Council meetings of the first Monday in October and the first Monday in November. As provided in the Code Council would meet on Tuesday October 9, 2007 following Monday observance of Columbus Day. Veterans Day falls on a Sunday with Federal observance on Monday, November 12. Council would be asked to vote on rescheduling the Council Meeting in November to Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

Announcement was made that the annual Fall Spruce Up Pekin would take place on Saturday, October 6. During renovation to James Field, the drop-off location had been moved to Pekin Park District parking lot.

The City Manager announced that the City Up Date Community Day would be held on Monday, October 1, 2007.

Mr. Kief encouraged Council to contact staff before the Council meeting with questions or concerns on agenda items, which could avoid tabling projects for additional information.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner informed Council with weather permitting the demolition of the old Vogel Building would take place on Sunday morning to avoid shutting down the 2nd Street State Highway.

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street commented on the discussion that took place regarding parking in front yards and graveled driveways. He also encouraged motorists to slow down at the hazardous railroad crossing on Derby Street that Council had discussed.

Wayne Schmidt spoke in regards to Lake Kennedy taking in garbage and silt. He felt a change to the lake occurred at the time an adjacent developer dredging project started.

Carol and Allen Martin 1401 Peoria voiced disapproval to code changes for front yard parking and labeled the fine violation as a means to regain revenue lost from the rescinding of the lights in parked vehicles law.

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

No further business to come before the Council Mayor Pro-Tem Kortkamp adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk