
**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 23, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN P. ABEL* MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, HENDRICKS, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, AND ORRICK

ABSENT: MAYOR BARRA

As provided by Resolution No. 69-13/14, Council Member Abel was appointed in the absence of Mayor Barra as Mayor Pro Tem.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Abel.

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Mayor Barra. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 9, 2013 be approved as written**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police Department August Report; Tazewell County Animal Control August Report; Inspection and Zoning Department August Reports; and Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated September 6, 2012.
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7.2 Receive and File Bids for 30 Inch Sanitary Pipeline Bank Stabilization opened September 12, 2013.
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On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWell COUNTY RESOURCE CENTERS, INC.** to provide transportation be approved. Council received information pertaining to an existing bus service to take TCRC clients from their housing units to their work centers. Changes to the contract included one additional bus to comply with regulations, daily rate \$200, and future increase based on CPI. Superintendent of Transportation, Ty Whitford answered Council's questions concerning driver requirements such as background checks, drug testing, CPR training, CDL licensing, health care benefits and drivers bidding the job. Mr. Whitford estimated the City cost of the agreement was \$110,000.00 and per year income was \$150,000.00. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **AGREEMENT WITH GREATER PEORIA MASS TRANSIT DISTRICT** for bus service within the City of Pekin with connection to Peoria be approved. Mr. Whitford next recommended the approval of the CitiLink bus agreement in the amount of \$124,265.32 for basic services. Assistant General Manager Josh Moore, representing GPMTD, answered the Council questions regarding ridership numbers, and additional charges of approximately \$30,000-50,000 per year for providing compliance with ADA for paratransit services.

Mr. Moore responded that he would provide information to the City in answering Council Member Orrick's questions of allocated cost as part of the Federal Transit Administration and/or Illinois Department of Transportation funding. Council Member Orrick asked CityLink representatives to consider extended hours during the holiday season for shoppers. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the second option to extend the parking lot **LEASE AGREEMENT WITH GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC D/B/A CENTURYLINK** to December 31, 2015 be approved. City Manager Joseph Wuellner recommended to the Council to continue the agreement to lease the City owned, 35 space parking lot at the corner of Ann Eliza and 4th Streets for Gallatin employee parking. He advised that the \$833.33 per month payment was comparable to other lot charges downtown of \$25.00 per space. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that the bid for 30 inch sanitary pipeline bank stabilization in the amount of \$87,658.00 be approved and the **CONTRACT AWARDED TO G.A. RICH & SONS**. City Engineer Michael Guerra advised the Council that the riverbank adjacent to the grain silo remnants/fishing pier needed to be stabilized where high river levels eroded the bank and exposed the top of the sanitary pipeline down to the gabion baskets. Placement of approximately 320 ft of revetment mat would ensure the pipe remained covered to provide protection from debris and erosion. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Manager Joseph Wuellner informed the Council of the status of the West Campus demolition project. The notification on August 14 to clean up by September 21, 2013 what was left by Demolition Excavating Group, had not been completed. Hearing Officer Brian Heller issued the order allowing the City to clean up debris and impose a fine. The City had received a proposal for transfer of the property from Mr. Huff that was not acceptable.

The recycling drop-off Center behind McDonalds would be closed on September 30th and relocated in front of the T-shirt House on 2nd Street.

Police Chief Greg Nelson was congratulated for his graduation from the FBI National Academy Program, Quantico, Virginia and welcomed back to the City after 10 weeks of law enforcement training.

The public was advised to avoid Front Street while the City worked on pipelines to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Council was told the temporary detour road, to alleviate blockage of the grain trucks, was constructed with appropriated sewer treatment plant funds.

In an attempt to correct the drainage concerns to the retention pond on Hanna Drive, a French drain, trench for routing excess water was being dug 10 feet deep and filled with sand. It was noted that Hanson Engineering was not billing for the additional work.

City Engineer Mike Guerra addressed concerns that the City over spent in ordering too much chip seal material for the designated annual street maintenance. Council was informed the appropriated MFT funding was for \$200,000.00 approved by the Council and the project came in at \$168,000.00. The additional procured quantities, due to software program mis-measurements of streets, were utilized on 5th Street. The area was chosen to preserve a section that had recently been acquired from Cincinnati Township in the VFW Road improvements process. It was suggested to have used subdivision plats or laser measuring devices.

Michaels Construction, General Contractor for the Enbridge pipeline project was complimented on the positive impact the project had made to the City and Randy Price Owner of Enviro-Safe was recognized for the progress of his new facilities on Hanna Drive.

Council Member Hendricks announced Alina Fernandez, the exiled daughter of former Cuban dictator Fidel Castro, was speaking at Eureka College @ 7:30 p.m. on September 26 in the school's Conference Center.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk