
**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 22, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor R. David Tebben.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that an Executive Session be added to the end of the meeting under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. to discuss Litigation. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Dunn, Kortkamp, Tebben; Nays, Jones, Strand, Abel. Motion Carried.

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

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of September 8th, 2008, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Kevin Andrews 1613 Night Hawk Court, addressed Council on New Business item 6. He spoke in non-support in restricting parking on the north side of Park Avenue 14th Street to 195 ft west of the crosswalk in front of the Pekin Hospital. He stated that the 4 parking spaces were needed for short term out patient lab testing and asked that the portion of 15-minute spaces be kept in their present capacity.

Consent Agenda

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

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

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated September 5, 2008 and special meeting dated September 15th, Building Report August, and Mayor's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities dated August 14th, 2008 and September 11, 2008.
2. **Solicitation:** Kiwanis Peanut Days Friday, October 31, 2008
Pekin AMVETS White Clover November 7 and 8, 2008
Pekin Lions Club Candy Day Week, October 3-4, 2008
3. **Proclamation:** "Pekin Memorial Stadium"
"Pekin First Church of the Nazarene Day"
*** "City of Pekin Fire Department Louisiana Appreciation Hurricane Gustav"
4. **Receive and File Bids:** Sale of Lot in 300 Block of Court Street between Capitol Street and Third Street
5. **Receive and File Resignation of J. Scott Plotner from the Pekin Library Board**

6. Resolution No. 55-08/09 – Mayor’s Appointment of Corey Shannon to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of J. Scott Plotner until June 30, 2010

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Tebben noted that a proclamation listed in Consent Agenda *** should be recorded as Received and Filed. With no objection from Council, the Mayor allowed Fire Chief Chuck Lauss to speak in presenting to the Council the framed Proclamation to the City of Pekin from Bunkie, Louisiana. The Chief told Council of the mobilization of Pekin firefighters to assist in the recovery efforts following Hurricane Gustav and the appreciation of that community for humanitarian aid.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Presentation – Firefighters

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss told Council of the off duty life saving assistance that two of the Department’s firefighters performed while returning from vacation. Lynken Toyne and Ron Hawkins, Jr. received an Honorary Award from the Missouri State Patrol and were recognized in attendance for their heroic actions at the scene of a vehicle accident.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2566-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING LATERAL HIRES TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 2566-08/09 be adopted. Police Chief Timothy Gillespie addressed the recommendation to reduce the minimum experience from 2 to 1 year for hiring. The change would allow Fire & Police Commission to consider applicants from a larger pool and have completed experience programs. Council Members raised questions on size of the present application list and recruits being hired away. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Jones, Kortkamp, Dunn Abel, Tebben; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 56-08/09

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Resolution No. 56-08/09, be adopted. Public Property Director Greg Ranney informed Council that the application was to receive \$343,192.00 funding from the State for operation of the City Bus Service. The requested documentation for transfer of funding to CityLink contract had still not been confirmed. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (EDFAP) APPLICATION PACKET** be **approved**. Community Development Director Pam Anderson informed Council of the HUD Amended Action Plan that allocated the expenditure of \$55,000 of CDBG funding for separate revolving loan fund for economic incentives. GAP financing would benefit small business. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A275-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 D OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE**

OF RESTRICTED PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 1462-A275-08/09 be adopted. Traffic Safety Committee Chair Joe Wuellner addressed the next 8 items as recommended by the TSC. It was stated that a special meeting of September 15, 2008 on the next list of narrow streets in the south side area that needed parking restriction received no negative responses. Council discussed snow plowing and the continuation of the committee reviewing additional areas for parking. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A276-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3 F OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON PARK AVENUE, COURT TO 12TH STREET**

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 1462-A276-08/09 be adopted. Council discussed the following three items in relationship to the patients and workers safety in the area of the Pekin Hospital. Suggestions for enforcement of speed and education of the public in slowing down were made. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A277-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 D OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE**

NORTH SIDE PARK AVENUE 14TH STREET TO 195 FT WEST TO CROSSWALK

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 1462-A277-08/09 no parking north side of Park Avenue –14th Street to 195 ft west to the crosswalk except 4 parking spaces limited to 15 minute parking, be adopted. Discussion followed on the previous meeting with the hospital in addressing their request for safety measures and an appeal to allow spaces for patient drop-off. On roll call vote, all present voted Nay. Motion Failed.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A278-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 D OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE**

SOUTH SIDE PARK AVENUE 14TH STREET TO 13TH STREET

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No. 1462-A278-08/09 be adopted. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Jones, Dunn, Abel Tebben; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A279-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1. D. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE**

EAST SIDE SOUTH 18TH STREET FROM SARATOGA STREET TO HENRY STREET

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Ordinance No. 1462-A279-08/09 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

The following three items, by recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee would improve the safety out into the intersection of the busy downtown area.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A280-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS ON SOUTH CAPITOL STREET AT
ELIZABETH STREET AND ELIZABETH STREET AT SOUTH CAPITOL STREET**

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Ordinance No. 1462-A280-08/09 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A281-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS ON SOUTH FOURTH STREET AT ELIZABETH
STREET AND ELIZABETH STREET AT SOUTH FOURTH STREET**

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 1462-A281-08/09 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A282-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING AUTHORIZED THROUGH STREETS**

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 2566-08/09 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Members were advised on the flooding and the operations of the Sewer Treatment Plant. Community was advised that the pier docks were up and caution should be taken.

Spruce Up Pekin date of October 4th was announced.

Treasurer Jim Wolf briefed Council on revenues and expenditure percentages and advised a full report would be given in October.

Denny advised that the draft of the FY 2010 Budget would be presented to Council on Friday. Council would meeting in a Work Session on October 6 or 7. The Clerk was directed to schedule Town Hall Meeting dates for the following months.

Garnet Mieschner 1401 Janssen expressed concern on the timing of the light and backup of traffic at the intersection of 14th and Park Avenue. He was informed that the improvement followed IDOT design that had to remain for a period of agreement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:45 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Tebben called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:02 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk