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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 14, 2020 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MARK LUFT * CHAIR * PRESIDING

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Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open

Meeting Act requirements, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom Meetings without an in person meeting location for the public to attend. Therefore, the provisions of the City Code regarding electronic attendance did not apply. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Orrick.

The Clerk confirmed by roll call vote, that all Councilmembers were physically present.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	6:05 PM
Rick Hilst	Councilman	Present	6:05 PM
Karen Hohimer	Councilwoman	Present	6:05 PM
Dave Nutter	Councilman	Present	6:05 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	6:05 PM
John P Abel	Councilman	Present	6:05 PM

Mark Luft	Mayor	Present	6:05 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Aug 24, 2020 5:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

4.2. City Council - Special Meeting - Sep 8, 2020 6:00 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

PUBLIC INPUT

Mr. Jim Mangan spoke against the four employee contracts on the agenda.

Mayor Luft read comments submitted by Mr. Nicholas Hall in favor of the police department body cameras.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Police Department Monthly Stats - August 2020

6.2. Tazewell County Animal Control Billing - August 2020

Motion to: **Approve Consent Agenda**

Mayor Luft read through the three items on the Consent Agenda. Councilmember Nutter motioned to approve Consent Agenda item 6.2 and 6.3 and Agenda item 6.1 be added under New Business as 8.9 for discussion. Seconded by Councilmember Hilst.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Karen Hohimer

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7.1. Resolution No. 83 - 19/20 Authorizing Early Payment of Final Installment of Debt Service for Griffin Drive Construction Project

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 83 - 19/20 Authorizing Early Payment of Final Installment of Debt Service for Griffin Drive Construction Project. Mr. Rothert explained that the request was just a formality as the actual loan payment had already been made.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Ordinance No. 2896 - 20/21 Front Yard Variance Request Regarding 1320 S. 6th Street

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2896 - 20/21 Front Yard Variance Request Regarding 1320 S. 6th Street. Mr. Rothert explained that the Zoning Board of Appeals met at 5:00 PM this evening to hear the request.

Economic Development Manager, Mr. Matt Fick, gave a summary of the concerns from the two members that voted against the variance.

Councilmembers discussed how the deck had been built before a permit was issued.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 2]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter

8.2. Resolution No. 164 - 20/21 Professional Accounting Services

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 164 - 20/21 Professional Accounting Services to help the department maintain internal controls related to the FY2019 audit.

Finance Director, Mr. Bruce Marston, stated that he was hoping the audit would be wrapped up sometime in October. Mr. Marston explained that staff was spending 100% of their time preparing for the audit.

Council discussed the balance of the line item to be used for unanticipated costs for departments in the General Fund.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

8.3. Resolution No. 165-20/21 Purchase of Axon Video Solution

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the request to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 165-20/21 Purchase of Axon Video Solution. Mr. Rothert summarized the request and financial impact.

Mayor Luft felt the presentation by Axon was well done and Chief Dossey did a great job of answering any questions brought forward.

Council discussed the installation involved, backup systems risks and the additional requested amount from TIF to pay in full.

Mr. Rothert explained that the $40K of grants funds is a reimbursement basis and the City will have to have to front the funds. It is very likely that law enforcement will received the grant.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

8.4. Resolution No. 166-20/21 Agreement Between City of Pekin and Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 627 Regarding the Solid Waste Collective Bargaining Agreement

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 166-20/21 Agreement Between City of Pekin and Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 627 Regarding the Solid Waste Collective Bargaining Agreement.

Human Resources Director, Ms. Sarah Newcomb, gave a brief summary of the contracts.

Council discussed employee contributions versus city contribution to IMRF and how it related to pensions.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

8.5. Resolution No. 167-20/21 Agreement Between the City of Pekin and Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 627 Regarding the Waste Water Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

8.6. Resolution No. 168-20/21 Agreement Between City of Pekin and Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 627 Regarding the General Unit Collective Bargaining Agreement

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [6 TO 0]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft
ABSTAIN:	Rick Hilst

8.7. Resolution No. 169-20/21 Agreement Between City of Pekin and Teamsters, Chauffeurs and Helpers Local 627 Regarding the Street Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hohimer, Orrick, Abel, Luft
NAYS:	Rick Hilst
ABSTAIN:	Dave Nutter

8.8. Update on CURES Act Reimbursement by State of Illinois

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, gave a general overview of the CURES Act reimbursement by the State of Illinois. Mr. Rothert asked Council to recall that the federal government passed down to states a certain allotment of money. That money was supposed to go to municipalities, in which the City was allotted $1.4M. Proof of expenses have to be shown related to the COVID-19 response. Mr. Rothert stated that Human Resources Director, Ms. Sarah Newcomb would be spearheading the effort and update Council on the process pertaining to deadlines and eligible expenses. Many municipalities are struggling to find expenses to meet the full allotment of money.

Human Resources Director, Ms. Sarah Newcomb gave an overview of the Local Corona Urgent Emergency Program. Counties under 500,000 in population are eligible for the program that will reimburse local units of government for expenses that are necessary expenditures incurred specifically due to COVID 19 public health emergency not already accounted for in budget. Expenses are eligible if incurred from March 1, 2020 and ending Dec. 30, 2020. Revenue shortfalls are not eligible expenses. The City's allocation is not to exceed $1,406,481. The City will begin submitting reimbursement requests this month. Final approval goes to DCEO and then directly deposited into the City's checking account. City is using accounting module to track expenses using a project management code. So far through September 11, 2020 the City, minus the bus department, expended $327,928 on COVID related expenses in which $110K was materials and $217K was labor. The school districts pays the City under their transportation contracts which makes the bus department ineligible. Departments are working on plans and estimates on how to spend additional dollars.

Mr. Rothert added that the challenge was that the State only allows municipalities to submit requests once per month not allowing much flexibility to plan effectively. Staff may seek guidance from Council to expeditiously spend as fast as possible and enter into contracts for projects to upgrade facilities or other eligible projects. This leaves only four requests.

Ms. Newcomb gave an example of an eligible expense naming the electrostatic aerosol spray backpacks that were ordered for different departments to properly sanitize.

8.9. Accounts Payable To Be Paid Proof List thru September 4, 2020

Councilmember Nutter motioned to discuss agenda item 8.9 Accounts Payable to Be Paid Proof List thru September 4, 2020, seconded by Councilmember Abel.

Councilmember Nutter questioned the payment to Center of Abuse out of CDBG Funds with no budgeted dollars.

Mr. Rothert stated that funding was available for non-profits that reallocated CDBG money. It was not all going towards CDBG grants.

HUD Coordinator, Mr. Dave Bess stated that this was related to the last resolution regarding CDBG funds. Had to move what grant year the City was taking grants from to coincide with how accounts payable had processed the check. Moved to grant based accounting and the budget had not yet been amended as the City was waiting on HUD from 2020 Consolidated Plan that was passed before modifying those budgets to reflect new numbers. No change in award from 2019, they finally submitted their documentation to get that grant award.

Councilmember Nutter questioned the State Street Outfall, payment to Springbrook, the purchase of two surface books for the same amount and fees to Counsel.

Councilmember Orrick motioned to approve agenda item 8.9 seconded by Councilmember Hilst.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
AYES:	Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, gave an update on Fast Track Grant. Mr. Dave Bess is helping with the environmental review. Once the grant agreement is signed it will go to

Council for approval.

Councilmember Abel commented on the 2020 Census and encouraged residents to participate.

Council discussed having another public hearing next week regarding the Business Development District. Mr. Rothert stated he would put a notice out.

Mayor Luft asked Council to educate themselves on the Business Development District as it is needed desperately. Mayor Luft compared it to the Levy District and was open to comments and questions.

Mr. Jim Mangan spoke regarding a dangerous school bus stop at Autumn Drive and Parkway and questioned why occupancy permits had not been issued for three businesses that have been operating for months.

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ADJOURN

There being no further business coming to Council, a motion was made by Council Member Orrick to adjourn seconded by Council Member Abel. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor Luft adjourned the meeting at 7:25 P.M