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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 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, KORTKAMP AND SCHMIDGALL

ABSENT: LAURIE BARRA

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Council Member Barra.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Mayor Dunn noted that the minutes for the Council EDAC Work Session of September 2, 2009 would not be presented as indicated on the agenda for approval. Motion was then made by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 24th, 2009 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Beyer, #3 Lisa Court, addressed Council on the agenda item concerning restricted parking in all cul-de-sacs. In a prepared statement that he presented for the record he explained the parking on Lisa Court for accommodating resident's, family gatherings, and hosted Bible study groups. He felt the ordinance would force parking on Highwood which seemed more of a traffic safety issue.

Joe Schott, 2507 Cherry Lane, spoke also to the amendment to the No Parking Schedule and requested that Council reconsider the proposed restriction. Mr. Schott was advised that Cherry lane was not a cul-de-sac or on the ordinance list.

Chris Schott, 2507 Cherry Lane, questioned the appointment of retired Police Chief Timothy Gillespie to the Traffic Safety Committee as representative of the public sector. Mayor Dunn advised that the appointment was made based on experience and the Chief's desire to stay in contact with the operation of government. He felt the appointment would make a positive impact for the committee.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

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

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department August Monthly Report, Liquor Commission Minutes dated July 16, 2009, Traffic Safety Minutes dated September 4, 2009, Tazewell County Animal Control Reports July and August, and Mayor's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes dated July 9, 2009

2. **Proclamations:** Alzheimer's Association "Memory Walk Day" – Saturday, September 26, 2009.

3. **Charitable Solicitation**: Memorial for Dustin Englebrecht – September 26, 2009
Benefit for Donald K. Fryman – October 24, 2009
Benefit for Greg Savelio – September 13, 2009

4. **Resolution No. 15-09/10 –** Mayor's Appointment of Timothy Gillespie to the Traffic Safety Committee as citizen representative to fill the unexpired term of Joseph Berardi until the first Monday in May, 2010.

5. **Resolution No. 16-09/10 –** Mayor's Appointment of Perry Martin to the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Persons With Disabilities to fill the unexpired term of Norma Bosley until the First Monday in May, 2012.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
A Presentation on the retirement of Fire Chief Chuck Lauss was made by City Manager Dennis Kief and Fire Chief Kurt Nelson. Fire Chief Chuck Lauss expressed appreciation to the Council, staff, firefighters, and family for his 22 years of service, 6 as chief of the department. Fire Chief Kurt Nelson then recognized for their service and presented pins to firefighters that were moving up in rank as a result of the planned succession.

President Russ Crawford and Tom Tincher , Heartland Water Resource Council presented the Pekin Lake Restoration and Illinois River Projects status. Mr. Crawford assured the Council that the organization would continue to lobby on the City of Pekin's behalf for Pekin Lake improvements. Council heard also that the organization depends on dues from municipalities and that it was hard for them to justify supporting all cities on equal basis when some pay and other do not. Mr. Crawford encouraged Pekin's representation at their monthly meetings for the partnership to continue.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **CENTRAL STATES HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING** be approved. Council was informed that the agreement contained negotiated items beyond the normal coverage by the approved C-6 Health Insurance Plan effective October 1, 2009. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL UNION NO. 627 WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE** be approved. Council was advised by the Manager when opening the contract due in August 1, 2010 for the Health Insurance changes the members agreed to extend the contract 4 additional years to coincide with timing expiration of the other 3 teamster contracts with same wage increases. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that **ILLINOIS PUBLIC WORKS MUTUAL AID NETWORK** be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner requested Council approve submitting application to join IPWMAN to help bring about a Unified Command support network for first responders in an emergency. The cost of the membership was $250.00. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.** be approved. Mr. Wuellner recommended the Service Agreement to provide drawings and specifications to upgrade the traffic signals on Court Street and the Mall Entrance. Work would be completed before the winter holiday shopping traffic. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **HANSON PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, INC.** be approved. Mr. Wuellner recommended the Service Agreement to provide Traffic Demand Model for proposed El Camino Extension. The PPUATS data was needed to justify the project. During the process engineers would also be looking at possible extension of Petri Lane to South 14th Street. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 17-09/10

PROVIDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF THE CITY OF PEKIN AS A REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREA AND TO INDUCE DEVELOPMENT INTEREST

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Resolution No. 17-09/10** be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief advised that the resolution was the first step of several and the formal action for the City's intent to establish an Industrial Park Conservation Area TIF District. The designation would be a significant tool in attracting prospective industrial type businesses to the area. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A292-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING SPEED

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Ordinance No. 1462-A292-09/10.** be approved. Chairman Joe Wuellner advised the Council of the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to reduce the speed limit on Sheridan from California Road to California Road E from 45mph to 35mph. The members received a request from the Township for a uniformed speed on the road and agreed because Veterans Drive would intersect soon. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strands, Blanchard, Kortkamp, Abel, Dunn; Abstain, Schmidgall. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A293-09/10

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

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Ordinance No. 1462-A293-09/10.** be laid over until September 28, 2009. Chairman Joe Wuellner advised Council of the Traffic Safety Committee recommendation to restrict parking in all cul-de-sacs with a radius of less than or equal to 100ft. It was the opinion of the members that parking on cul-de-sacs impedes the operation of large vehicles involved City services, such as garbage trucks, fire apparatus, and snow plows. Council Member Kortkamp noted the purpose for placing the item on the agenda was for discussion and to inform the public of the proposed streets. Discussion followed. Council Member Schmidgall stated that he was supportive of the measure to restrict all parking. His concerns were that Snow Ban Parking could be used in those times necessary to clear the streets and if there were a fire the firefighters would do what they had to do to remove parked vehicles. Council Member Blanchard requested notification be sent to all residents living on the cul-de-sacs for comments. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Strand publicly thanked former Council Member Fred Massaglia for spear heading the construction of the monument in front of City Hall in memory of Mayor David Tebben.

Council Member Abel expressed appreciation to all the volunteers for the successful Marigold Weekend.

Council Member Blanchard noted the impressive 911 ceremony that had taken place at the River Front. He recognized an original member of the Mayor's Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities that had ended her term, Norma Bosley. Council Member expressed that the appointment of the former police chief to the Traffic Safety Committee negated the effort to have the input of a citizen. He felt that application should have been accepted applications.

Msyor Dunn expressed appreciation to Cathy Homerin for efforts in bringing the 911 White Dove release Ceremony to Pekin. He felt the dedication of the Mayor Tebben memorial was a meaningful ceremony. The extra donated money was given to the Boys and Girls Club.

Evertt Davis, 1208 Hamilton expressed several concerns to Council regarding sidewalks and persons with disabilities.

Bill Gillroy, 1312 South 11th Street requested the slides and PowerPoint presented during a Council meeting be able to be read more easily on Channel 22.

Joe Scott told Council that the flashing light on Parkway Drive was an on going challenge for traffic and pedestrian safety.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body Land acquisition. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk