
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2004 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, RICHMOND, JONES, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

Public Properties Director Greg Ranney introduced new solid waste collection employees and the **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by the department division.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 23, 2004 and Special Council Meeting of August 30, 2004 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input

Lloyd Orrick 699 Oxford spoke to Council in opposition of General Obligation Bonds. He felt the City should not rush refinancing the TIF, bonding. Those issues were intended for "bricks and mortar" projects not vehicles. Mr. Orrick stated revenues of the City were down and recommended that a Council should take appropriated action and spending be down also. He sited that money would not have been needed for garbage trucks if City would have renewed last year option with Waste Management.

Mayor Howard announced and promoted Illinois River Sweep, an annual one-day cleanup on the Illinois River, on September 18, 2004.

Mayor commended Finance Director Bob Reis and the City Manager for their fiscal responsibility in increasing cash reserves approximately one million dollars in the first quarter of Fiscal 2005.

Consent Agenda

City Clerk Sue McMillan presented the following:

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Fire, Police, Traffic Safety, Tazewell County Animal Control, Inspections (Inspections (Building, Code Enforcement, Sewer & Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC), Finance Quarterly Report and July Revenue and Cash
2. Proclamation: "Crop Walk Day" October 3, 2004
3. Charitable Solicitation: Michael Jennings Benefit
4. Receive and File Petition for Annexation from Richard E. Evans Mitchell Street

Mayor Howard read and present to Pastor Kate representing Church World Service the proclamation urging citizens to support the walk in our community for hunger and its causes.

Motion made by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the Consent Agenda **be approved as presented**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Firefighter Joe Stubbs presented to Jeff Brooks for the Pekin Public Library, three books by author Matty Stephanick in memory of International Association of Firefighters Local #524's MDA Poster Child.

Director of Public Property Greg Ranney gave an overview of the startup of the new garbage collection service. He indicated that 35 gal toters were sold out and the 95 gal were still being delivered by City employees as they were pay or rented. He addressed concerns that the department had been receiving regarding the solid waste collection. Council discussed the payment of the terms for leasing. Mayor Howard felt it was the intention of Council to allow residents to make \$1.00 per month payment as part of their water/wastewater invoice. City Manager Dennis stated he was unable to justify charges and accounting procedure that would be required with billing from Illinois American Water Company, that he agreed to require lease of toters for \$12.00 per year be paid up front. Council agreed but asked that they be notified of policy changes in advance.

Unfinished Business

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that **Ordinance No. 2385 be removed from the table.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that **Ordinance No. 2385 be amended by inserting a new Exhibit A.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2385 **AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY** **WITHIN THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS**

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that **Ordinance No. 2385 be Adopted as amended.** Mayor Howard explained that the lease to Artistic Community Theatre, Inc. for use of the old Colson Building on St Mary Street was for the group to utilize the space for storage, practice and some productions. Com'r. Richmond was told the new exhibit contained a grant of license to use the parking lot adjacent to the property on a limited basis. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 76-04/05

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that **Resolution No. 76 – 04/05 be adopted.** Finance Director Bob Reis explained to Council that the resolution was housekeeping and intended to add Pekin Savings Bank as a depository of City Funds. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Howard asked that Council consider the Bonding issue last in order of new business. With no objections:

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that the **EASEMENT AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY** at NE Quadrant of 14th Street and VFW Road be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that **BERNARDI SECURITIES, INC, BE UTILIZED FOR REFINANCING TIF BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,370,745 PLUS COSTS OF ISSUANCE AND HERGET BANK BE UTILIZED FOR GENERAL OBLIGATION BORROWING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,925,000 PLUS COSTS OF ISSUANCE.** Com'r. Jones stated he was not in favor of the portion of the motion extending bonds for TIF. On roll call vote, Ayes, Maddox, Massaglia, Richmond Howard; No, Jones. Motion Carried.

Other Business

Chief Timothy Gillespie was recognized for his 34 years of service as a Police Officer for the City of Pekin

Lloyd Orrick again addressed the Council and asked that they have the same concerns for the taxpayer's money at levy time as they had for the \$12 payment on the toter lease.

Dennis Crotty 1913 State Street requested to be heard on several financial issues. He stated his opposition to funding the construction of the Dome Project or diverting Hotel/Motel funds used for tourism. He questioned Council on the quality of stores in East Court Village and the loan made to the developer. Developer incentives and finance issues were discussed.

Mr. Peacock of Artistic Community Theatre, Inc. thanked Council for their support of the theatrical group's plans for leasing a City owned building.

Kevin McMillan 2703 Persimmons Drive asked Council's assistance in obtaining more information about a group of mentally handicapped persons taking residence in their residentially zoned neighborhood as Bridgeway Community Living. Mr. McMillan was told that Federal and State law regulated Community Living zoning. Mayor Howard agreed to contact the CEO of Bridgeway Inc. to address additional concerns from neighbors.

Com'r. Richmond thanked the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce for a successful Marigold Weekend and the support of great weather and the entire community.

Pekin Community High School Government teacher John McCabe and his class were recognized for their attendance.

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

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:30 P.M. to discuss Purchase of Real Estate ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk