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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 12, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, SCHMIDGALL. HENDRICKS, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: VACANCY

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present. A quorum was present.

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

MINUTES
Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, August 22, 2011, the Special work EDAC Session of August 15, 2011, and the Special Meeting of August 30, 2011, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT
George Ohnemus, 1417 Willow Street addressed the Council on Consent Agenda business item in regards to the resignation letter received from Council Member John E. Neumann. It was Mr. Ohnemus's opinion that the non-elected candidate with the highest votes from the last election be automatically chosen to fill the vacancy. He suggested that 2 alternates be chosen at time of municipal elections to fill vacancies in the future. Attorney Dancey advised that election process and vacancy procedures were mandated by State Statutes.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Liquor Commission Minutes July 28, 2011.
7.2 Proclamation: Knights of Columbus Mentally Handicapped Week – September 22, 2011.
7.3 Resolution No. 13-11/12 – Mayor's Appointment of John Kennedy to the Zoning Board of Appeals to fill an unexpired term until May 31, 2012
7.4 Receive and Approve - Letter of Resignation of Council Member John E. Neumann
7.5 Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Special Meeting Minutes dated July 20, 2011.
7.6 Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations: a. Hearing #11-1838 – Recommends the approval of the Annexation of four tracts of property at this time as described in Exhibit "A" as presented by Attorney Scott Kriegsman to the City Council.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Vickie Clark, President and Jessica Moroz Director of Research for the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL** for Central Illinois presented the completed Comprehensive Labor Study for Peoria Metro. Council was informed that the EDC of which Pekin is a partner, commissioned a comprehensive labor study to measure the availability and quality of potential labor in a thirteen-county area labor market.. This study provided community economic developers and existing or prospective employers a flexible tool to understand the local labor market and make informed expansion and site selection decisions as well as make informed decisions regarding hiring, retaining, and developing the workforce. Workforce Profile, Workforce Availability, and Workforce Quality were highlighted as basic components of the study with emphasis on a regional approach to economic development.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that the **GOVERNMENTAL MEMBERSHIP FOR TAZEWELL COUNTY HISTORIC PLACES SOCIETY - TAZEWELL COUNTY MUSEUM AND EDUCATIONAL CENTER** in the amount of $25.00 be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **CITY LOAN WITH HERGET BANK** be approved for repayment prior to maturity. City Treasurer James Wolf told the Council he expected the interest earnings on City investments to remain at unprecedented low rate into mid 2013. The present spread between borrowed rate of 3.9% and average yield was 1.5% on the loan from Herget Bank. He advised that the ample reserves in the General Fund for loan repayment of $722,837 was warranted and early payoff would net a savings of $35,000 over the remaining two years. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **CITY LOAN WITH MORTON COMMUNITY BANK** be approved for repayment prior to maturity. The Treasurer also told Council due to the interest earnings on City investments remaining at unprecedented low rate in to mid 2013 that he recommended the loan with Morton Community Bank also be repaid. The present spread between borrowed rate of 5.1% and average yield on the loan was 2.0%. He also recommended the reserves in the General Fund for loan repayment of $448,000. The City's net savings would average $30,000 over the remaining four years if paid off early. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH IDOT FOR PETRI LANE EXTENSION** in the City share of $412,500.00 be approved. City Engineer Mike Guerra requested Council enter into the agreement with IDOT for federal funding of Petri Lane Extension. He advised the funding for the construction of the roadway was divided with STU funds that were received from PPUATS for 70% and 30%. The City share would be covered from Motor Fuel Tax Funds. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that the **ADDITION TO THE ANNUAL JOINT PPUATS FUNDING AGREEMENT** in the amount of $1,512.75 be approved. Distribution of Illinois Department of Transportation additional FY 2012 federal transportation planning funds of $77,731.00 were divided among the participating agencies and the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. The City of Pekin's share of local match was $1,512.75. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-11/12

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (IDOT)

RESOLUTION FOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS

75-00107-15-ES

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that Resolution No.14-11/12 appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the addition to the Annual Joint PPUATS Funding Agreement FY 2012 in the amount of $1,512.75, be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

POLICY NO. 4R – 11/12

CITY OF PEKIN SANITARY BACKWATER VALVE PROGRAM

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Policy No.4R 11/12 revision be adopted. Code Enforcement Officer Ron Sieh advised the Council of language amendments to the current technology and cost in the program. Mr. Sieh informed the Council permit fee for exterior installation of the valve was $55.00 and interior was $18.00. Pricing was removed completely for clarity. Exterior application of the devise was easier to maintain and contained a cleanout function. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Members expressed appreciation for the success of another Marigold Festival Week and a tastefully prepared 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony.

Mayor Barra explained to the Council and Public that by statute the Mayor was required to fill the vacancy in office left by the resignation of Council Member Neumann within 60 days for a term until the election in April 2013 at which time a candidate will be elected for a remaining two year term. Mayor Barra advised she would have more information or a process she would consider available at the next council meeting.

City Engineer Michael Guerra advised that the 2nd Street closing was extended for reinstallation of the sewer liner. The Valle Vista sewer repair met some delays also in digging to the 22ft deep pipe but the street portion would be opened to traffic on Tuesday.

City Manager Joseph Wuellner distributed to Council his recommendation after receiving 4 qualifications submitted by potential Residential Energy Aggregation Consultants. He requested Council consider the acceptance of the agreement once again with Good Energy at the Council Meeting of September 26, 2011.

He also alerted Council that the 27th and 29th of September were being considered for a half day retreat with staff and Council Members to discuss services and goals. Once a moderator is verified for one of the two days the work session would be set at Pekin Community High School Vocation Center.

George Ohnemus, 1417 Willow Street, expressed concern that wood utility poles still existed in many neighborhoods with several utility company wires occupying them. His second concern addressed the issue of televising the Council Meeting immediately following the meeting on Channel 22 for the public.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point distributed photos of areas he felt showed cultural decay in Pekin, rusted poles, teachers in lounge clothes, dead raccoon left in the street.

Steve Moore, 2010 Westgate, expressed concern that the city owned parking lot on Court at Capitol was dangerous. Discussion followed that the barricades had been removed for temporary used but would be replaced.

Richard Reeves, 429 South Street questioned the spending of tax money. He was informed that there is a process that the Council reviews expenses and makes decisions on a budget system.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway drive, expressed his concerned that he was not furnished information requested on Hotel Motel rules on how funds are to be used.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:30 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11). Threatened or pending litigation and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Sale of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk