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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 11, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT
ABSENT: NONE

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

Moment of Silence in Remembrance of 9-11
Mayor Mackaman asked that Council and citizens pay tribute to the heroism and sacrifices of the day in 2001 when so many lost their lives in New Your City in the terrorist attacks in the United States.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

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

Minutes
Motion Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 28, 2006 and the Special Meeting of August 31, 2006 (Liquor Commission) be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items
Bill Fleming, Executive Director Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce 402 Court Street, spoke in support of funding the tourism grant request. He told Council there had been a struggle with the Tourism Committee also in the opinions for funding provisions but the grants were an incentive for "heads in beds" purpose that people would spend more once here in the City.

Garnet Mieschner 1401 Janssen, spoke in opposition of the City funding for profit organizations.

Mayor Mackaman spoke of the issues raised in regards to tourism grants and the plans to readdress, the purpose of the committee, eligibility, cost the City is willing to bare, and the need for a tourism policy.

John McCabe 1407 Glendale addressed Council on the agenda item to consider a Third Party Audit on a discrepancy in the Cash Management Account. He felt that the remaining different that had not been accounted for in the last week should be compared to the cost that good be incurred should the audit be be approved.

Consent Agenda
Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda.
Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the Consent Agenda be **approved as presented.**

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** Police Department Monthly Report, Fire Department Monthly Report for July and August, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes for September, Amended Traffic Safety Committee Minutes for August, Tazewell County Animal Control Monthly Report, and Lake Arlan Drainage District (LADD) Minutes for August.

2. Proclamation: "National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and National Mammography Day" October 20, 2006

3. Charitable Solicitation: Pekin Kiwanis Club Annual Peanut Day Friday, November 3, 2006

4. Resolution No. 163-06/07 - Resolution Supporting Immediate Funding For Illinois' Version of Jessica's Law

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

SAFE KIDS WALK THIS WAY REPORT

Patrick Collier a member of Peoria Area Safe Kids Coalition and Coordinator of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force, explained a grant award used to facilitate an environmental change in pedestrian safety at target high traffic locations. He reported in more detail on the Task Force's chosen location in Pekin at the intersection of Stadium Drive and Parkway Drive at bicycle trail crossing.

PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT REPORT

The City Manager informed Council that he was continuing the practice to have individual departments report one a month at the Council meetings on different aspects of their jobs. He then introduced Personnel Director Patricia Pollock. In a PowerPoint presentation Mrs. Pollock gave statistics and breakdowns of total employees, average age groupings, pensioners information, types of categories of jobs, and insurance participants.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Mackaman opened the hearing at 6:56 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the adoption of an ordinance authorizing the vacation of a part of Gingoteague Section 4 known as 1320 Executive Court. Request was received from Laborers' Home Development Corp. with the intention of constructing an assistant living facility. The cul-de-sec was not needed for public use but partial right-of-way was needed to situate the site layout. Interested parties were given the opportunity to speak by legal notice in the Pekin Daly Times on August 25, 2006. Commissioner Maddox commented that the authorization would allow for a larger size development. No other comments were received. The hearing was closed at 6:57 p.m.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2489-06/07
VACATING A PORTION OF EXECUTIVE COURT
Part of PIN #10-10-011-412-001, 002, and 005

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Ordinance No. 2489-06/07 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2490-06/07
AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITH PENCE'S AG REPAIR, INC.
120 ST. MARY STREET

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that Ordinance No. 2490-06/07 be adopted. City Manage Dennis Kief informed Council that a One-Year Lease Agreement was negotiated with Pence's Ag Repair, Inc. for property commonly known as 120 St. Mary Street to be utilized as an IDOT test lane and general repairs, in the amount of $1,200 per month. He stated the present occupants, Artistic Theater, who leased on a month-to-month basis once the original term with expired, were given right of first refusal and the opportunity to meet the terms of the new request. Comr's. Maddox and Blanchard requested that the Manager assist the theater group in relocating.

Mr. Jay Pence, 4616 Lake Camelot, addressed Council on his plans to expand and improve the property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A257-06/07
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2. SECTION 9 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Ordinance No. 1462-A257-06/07 be adopted. Com'r. Jones questioned the placement of the stop sign at the T-section of El Camino Drive at Quail Hollow Road, north into Sunset Hills if El Camino was designated a through street. Police Chief Gillespie felt the intersection was not high volume accident location and the stop sign in this particular situation might cause greater confusion. He stated he was the only member of Traffic Safety Committee that did not recommend the stop. It was Com'r. Blanchard's opinion that you don't correct slowing down with stop signs if the issue was speed. On roll call vote, Ayes, Maddox, Dagit and Mackaman; Nays, Jones and Blanchard. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO 164-06/07

FINAL PLAT HICKORY HILLS ESTATES SECTION FIVE

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that Resolution No. 164-06/07 be adopted. The project located off Broadway Road, met requirements for submittal of the Final Plat containing 33 lots. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2491-06/07

AMENDED AGREEMENT FOR COMPLETION OF VELDE DRIVE

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that Ordinance No. 2491-06/07 be adopted. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained the amended dollar amounts were due to increase cost of asphalt for the reimbursement to Heartland Contractors, Inc. for constructing Velde Drive to a higher standard. In return for the City's assistance, the developer would repay the City as lots were sold. The City's increased portion was estimated at $7,500. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Mackaman explained that the following 6 items of business would be explained generally and each would require a separate vote. In a memo to Council Emily Lambe and Dennis Kief presented recommendations in full requests, partial amounts to cover expenses, and denials. Discussions followed on the policies of the Pekin Visitors Bureau tourism grant policies.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION FROM DRAGON'S DOME, INC. for Cheer America State Cheerleading Competition in the amount of $1,300** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION FROM DRAGON'S DOME, INC. for ASA Fast Pitch Softball Tournament in the amount of $494** be approved. Discussion followed on determing denial based on the applicant turning a profit. Motion was made by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that the PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION for ASA Fast Pitch Softball Tournament be approved in the amount of $2,300. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, and Dagit; Nays, Blanchard and Mackaman. Motion carried.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION FROM DRAGON'S DOME, INC. for ASA Fast Pitch Softball Tournament in the amount of $1,400** be approved. The recommendation was not to award this request. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, and Dagit; Nays Blanchard and Mackaman. Motion carried.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION FROM DRAGON'S DOME, INC. for ASA, NSA, USSSA Firecraker Softball Tournament in the amount of $6,200** be approved for the maximum award of $5,000. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION FROM DRAGON'S DOME, INC. for Women's Open Fast Pitch Softball Championship in the amount of $1,580** be approved. The recommended amount was for $825. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, and Dagit; Nays Blanchard and Mackaman. Motion carried.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **PEKIN AREA TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION FROM DRAGON'S DOME, INC. for Class B Girls Tournament in the amount of $3,500** be approved. The recommendation was not to award because the event had made a profit. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Maddox, and Dagit; Nays, Blanchard and Mackaman. Motion carried

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION TO CEASE THE PROCESS FOR REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OF A THIRD PARTY AUDIT,** be approved. Jim Warning of Willock Warning presented his findings of the General Ledger balances, accounts payable, the timing of a computer conversion and new software program in accounting department that produced some of the decrepencies in the Cash Management Account. Discussion followed. It was felt by some members of Council that there was a lack of time to digest the information. Motion was then made by Com'r. Maddox and seconded by Com'r. Dagit that the decision be postpone for vote until September 25 Council meeting. Mayor Mackaman requested that each member of Council take the time to meet individually with the City Manager to discuss the recommendation. On roll call vote, Ayes, Dagit, Maddox, Blanchard, and Mackaman; Nay, Jones. Motion carried to postpone.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Mackaman announced the 12th Annual City Update Meeting to be held on Thursday, September 21, 2006 and encouraged everyone to attend.

City Manager Dennis Kief reported to Council:

- 5 Year Capital Plan would be distributed to the Council for review in the week that followed
- he was conducting interviews during the week for the Finance Director position

Marker Werner 335 Buena Vista announced the State program to clean up the river would take place on September 16, 2006. Volunteers were to meet at the Pekin Boat Club.

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

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Council move to Executive Session at 7:29 P.M. to discuss Pending Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council returned to open session.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk