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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 10, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, MASSAGLIA, HENDRICKS, BLANCHARD, MCCABE, AND BARRA

ABSENT: NONE

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 27, 2012, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. Mayor Barra read the proclamation “Intellectual Disabilities Week” September 21-23, 2012. Don Short of the Knights of Columbus spoke of the K of C campaign for the treatment and care of the mentally handicapped by sponsoring the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Steve Sutton, Chairman of this year’s project told the Council that 90% of the proceeds support area facilities and special events for handicapped persons.

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA
7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: International Fire Code (IFC) Board of Appeals Minutes August 22, 2012.
7.2 Proclamation: Intellectual Disabilities Week Knights of Columbus September 21-23, 2012.
7.3 Resolution No. 54-12/13 – Mayor’s Appointment of Michael J. Freilinger to the Human Rights Committee to fill the unexpired term of Kevin Andrews until May 2013.
7.4 Resolution No. 55-12/13 – Mayor’s Re-appointments of Greg Henderson and Scott Parkin to the Board of Appeals International Fire Code for a four (4) year term until October 10, 2016.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Joseph Wuellner, City Manager told the Council that the City of Pekin would begin **BILLING THE WASTEWATER FEE**, previously collected by Illinois American Water Company on Monday. He introduced Angela Evans and Melanie Nievar of the Finance Department to explain the billing format and the provisions made to pay in person by cash check, or credit card; online; drop box; or food Depot and Scnucks grocery stores. Discussion followed regarding payment terms related to penalty charges and methods to collect past due accounts. Council Member Schmidgall spoke in opposition to excessive shut-off fees imposed on tenants for non-payment by landlords. Ms. Nievar made Council aware that many owners did not know tenants were not paying the wastewater and preferred being billed. Council was reminded that an agreement was approved in June with IAWC in regards to the termination of service and disconnect-fees which were amounts that would be charged to the City by the water company.

City Treasurer James Wolf presented the First Quarter Financial Report. Mr. Wolf highlighted general observations from the Revenues Over Expenses of All City Funds for May 1 – July 31, 2012. He indicated revenue increases over the same period last year but expenses were going up faster percentage wise. Investment Earnings for the three months ending July 31, 2012 were less than the same period last year because of the very low rates.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 56-12/13

APPROVE THE 5 FRAMEWORK/PRIORITY AND THE 6 INITIATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that **Resolution No. 56-12/13 be adopted.** Council was informed that the formal action established the City of Pekin's commitment to work collaboratively with public private and not-for-profit stakeholders toward the implementation of the following:

1. Reorganize Central Illinois Economic Development Council Governance and Staff, while maintaining an organizational structure that has functioning economic development capabilities.
2. Merge the roles of the Regional Planning Commission/Metropolitan Planning Organization, Illinois River Valley Council of Governments, and Economic Development District
3. Integrate Workforce Development with Comprehensive Economic Development (CED)
4. Accentuate Heartland Partnership Strengths and Simplify Heartland Partnership Governance
5. Launch Top-Down/Bottom-Up Regional Comprehensive Economic Development (CED) Asset Based Strategy.

1. Regional Data Center of Excellence: creation of an integrated data portal that is hosted and managed by one organization but is virtually connected to each county and municipality.
2. Best Practice Regional CED Leadership Training Program: create a curriculum which will develop local leadership capacity to implement and manage a regional economy and/or their organizations in accordance with best practices for regional CED and collaboration.
3. Regional Workforce Center of Excellence: implementation of a workforce center of excellence (WCOE) as a model for addressing critical shortages of skilled workers to the needs of a specific industry.
4. Implement a Regional Innovation Ecosystem: creation of a regional innovation ecosystem inclusive of the proposed new small business incubator.
5. Integrated Equity and Debt Finance System: development of an integrated framework for aggregating, attracting and managing larger equity and debt capital pools whether they be from public or private sources.
6. Develop an e-Connectivity Strategy with Network Provider COI: creation of an e-strategy that is fully integrated as an enabling resource with the regional asset-based CED strategy.

Frank Knot of ViTAL Economy was introduced by Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler. Mr. Knott spoke of the process and committees in working toward a collaborative effort to bring economic development to the entire region. He announced there would be a meeting of active citizens and organization leaders the second week in November and by June of 2013 form a measurable strategy for best environment possible for development and job growth in the future. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the **CHANGE ODRER 3 WITH WILLIAMS BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION, INC. for Wastewater Treatment Plant Project Phase 2A in the amount of $211,562.00 be approved**. City Engineer Mike Guerra advised the Council that the amendment included deductions and additions for 11 items due to anticipated changes required once construction started. There would be $260,327.00 remaining in the contingency balance. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2664-12/13

AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 6, ARTICLE B OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE AIRPORT COMMISSION

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **Ordinance No. 2664-12/13 be adopted.**

City Engineer Mike Guerra, liaison to the Airport Commission, recommended that the language in the City Code regarding the commission and its involvement in the operations and oversight be updated. The amendments reflect the current operations by the City and the current role of the commission as a recommending body. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Barra expressed appreciation for a very successful, community involved Marigold Festival. She also announced the 911 Observance at City Hall on Tuesday, September 11, 2012 at noon on the steps of City Hall.

Council Member Abel noted Levy and Budget considerations for the next year were approaching and requested that the approximate $200,000.00 revenue source, the Towing Ordinance, be revisited prior to budget hearings.

Council Member Schmidgall informed the public that packets of material for election to the City Council for 3-4 year terms and 1-2 year term were available at City Hall. Petitions containing 49 signatures would be filed in November for Primary and General Elections in 2013. City Clerk and Local Election Official Sue McMillan informed the Council the filing period from November 19-26 also contained the Thanksgiving Holidays and to check for correct hours the office would be open to receive petition papers.

Council Member Blanchard requested that the audio for the Council meetings and the rebroadcast on Channel 22 be checked and the volume increased.

City Engineer Mike Guerra reported back to Council on the costs of the products to overlay verses chip seal of streets.

Assistant City Manager, Darin Girdler updated the Council on the status of the Joint Review Board in the process to recommend a Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan and Project Industrial Park Conservation Area. The members of the JRB would reconvene on Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 3:00 p.m.

City Manager Joseph reported back to Council regarding a policy of the school bus operations to not send buses into some cul-de-sacs. Discussion followed where some changed pickup locations caused younger children to have to walk out of their home sight to get to the nearest bus stop. Council Member Schmidgall disagreed with changing a policy that the city has provided for years and residents have relied on. Director of Transportation, Ty Whitford, stated it was unsafe to require the buses to have to backup to get out of the cul-de-sacs. The Bus Department approach, with the advice of the City’s insurance provider, was to avoid backup when ever possible. School District 108 administration approved the bus stop plan.

Mayor Barra asked that Mr. Whitford report back on how many cul-de-sacs require children to walk out of the sight line of their homes to get to the nearest bus stop.

Ed Schwin, 1007 South Capitol Street, addressed the Council regarding a code enforcement matter at 1007 South Capitol Street. He presented photos of tall grass, unmoved dumpster, and debris that existed on the adjacent property.

No further business to come before the Council, motion was made by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel to adjourn. Motion carried voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk