
**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, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, JONES, KORTKAMP, STRAND,
AND DUNN**

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Airborne Infantry Captain Brian Iler Ziegenbein.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 27, 2007, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

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

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

- 1. Monthly Reports and Minutes: Police Department August Report**
- 2. Heart of Illinois Homeless Continuum of Care 10 Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness Endorsement and Agreement to Participate.**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

An overview of the following three annexation ordinances was given by City Manager Dennis Kief. He informed Council that multiple property owners were involved in requesting to be annexed for a proposed significant development between Broadway and Sheridan on both sides of California Road. He indicated that the agreements contained coordination of necessary infrastructure extensions and oversizing of sewers. Negotiations included imperative established right-of-way for extension of Veterans Drive and widening of Broadway Road.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2529-07/08
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
(SANGALLI)**

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2529-07/08 be adopted. Agreement with Amelia Sangalli to annex 40 acres. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2530-07/08
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
(UEHLING)**

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Ordinance No. 2530-07/08 be adopted. Agreement with Gordon A. Uehling, Jr. to annex 7.548 acres. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2531-07/08
AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNEXATION AGREEMENT
(WEDGE)

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2531-07/08 be adopted. Agreement with Veteran Drive Investments, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company, William J. Leman, Trustee of LeTrout Land Trust dated February 27, 1998, and Wedge Development, LLC, an Illinois Limited Liability Company to annex 135.771 acres.

Corporation Counsel Burt Dancey requested that an amendment be offered to the agreement to which the developers agreed to petition for the annexation of the acres excepting 200 feet requested to be used for game hunting until the construction of Veteran's Drive begins or within 10 years which ever occurs earlier, at which time a petition for the 200 feet would be executed. The following language was presented:

2. PETITION FOR ANNEXATION

WEDGE, VETERANS and LETROUT shall, within ninety (90) days from the date of this Agreement, execute a petition for annexation of the PROPERTY to CITY in substantially the form set forth in Exhibit "J" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference, excepting the easterly 200 feet of even width off of Tract 3 and Tract 4. WEDGE, VETERANS and LETROUT shall, within ten (10) years from the date of this Agreement or until the beginning of any construction of Veterans Drive on Tract 3 or Tract 4, whichever occurs earlier, execute a petition for annexation of the remaining easterly 200 feet of even width off of Tract 3 and Tract 4 to CITY. For each of the aforementioned petitions, WEDGE, VETERANS and LETROUT agree to provide to CITY an annexation plat, in satisfactory form for recording, which encompasses the tracts being annexed. Immediately upon execution of each petition respectively, WEDGE, VETERANS and LETROUT shall file the petition with the Pekin City Clerk and shall cooperate with CITY to bring about annexation in accordance with the procedures set forth in 65 ILCS 5/7/1-8.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Ordinance No. 2531-07/08 – An Ordinance Approving Annexation Agreement (Wedge) be amended as indicated. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Chair called for the vote on the ordinance as amended. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye that Ordinance No. 2531-07/08 be adopted.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **CITY MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR LONG DISTANCE PHONE SERVICE WITH GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS**. City Manager Dennis Kief advised Council that Request for Proposals were sent to determine if rates and charges being paid could be contracted at a lower amount. Two quotes were received and he recommended a 2-year agreement with the low bidder at \$.035/minutes with no minimum usage charge. Comments were received from Council Member Jones as to use of landline phones for long distance calls when department heads have been issued cell phones. Council Member Blanchard questioned if long distance service could be provided with Internet service in a less expensive package. It was reported that offer did not apply to business use. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **BID FOR THE WEST RIVERFRONT BOAT ACCESS IMPROVEMENTS** be approved and the contract awarded to Otto Baum Company in the amount of \$170,098.90. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner briefed Council on the construction of a new concrete boat dock, piling and collateral work, grading, aggregate compaction of the area parking lot with guardrail construction. Mr. Wuellner advised that the estimate for the project was \$170,000.00. The City had received a grant from IDNR for \$125,000.00. The project was originally budgeted for \$140,000.00. Because of the two-year discussions of changed and acceptable location north of the bridge and parallel access to the river, during low tide conditions, cost had increased. Council Member Blanchard expressed concern of the amount of money being spent. It was brought to Council's attention the concern of the Pekin-LaMarsh Drainage & Levee District that the number of people at the dock would increase trespassing on their adjoining property representing an additional \$30-\$40,000.00 expenditure. Council generally agreed to the additional \$30,000.00 from the General Fund for the Boat Access Improvements Project. On roll call vote; Ayes, Jones, Kortkamp, Abel, Dunn, and Tebben; Nays, Strand and Blanchard. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **BID FOR THE COURT STREET AND BARNEY AVENUE AND COURT STREET AND VOGEL DRIVE INTERSECTIONS PROJECT** be approved and the contract awarded to Illinois Civil Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$60,991.00. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner recommended accepting the low bid for the replacement of existing concrete, median and curbs. The rough intersection had deteriorated causing problems not only with the surface but also with the traffic signal loops. Council questioned the unfunded emergency repair. Mr. Wuellner indicated the estimate of the improvement project was \$80,000 and could be funded from the available money from the annual street maintenance. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

City Manager Dennis Kief announced that the City would hold the 6th annual September 11^h Remembrance in the Council Chambers on Tuesday. The public was invited.

He next distributed a draft franchise agreement with Illinois American Water Company pursuant to a request to report on the status of the negotiations. Mr. Kief asked for comments and direction from Council Members on how to proceed regarding IAWC proposal to raise the water rate in Pekin area by 26.7 percent. Council Members expressed concerns about the water rate increase. Council Member Blanchard stated he was against an increase but questioned taking objections before the Illinois Commerce Commission when the same action wasn't taken in response to Ameren/CILCO cost increase. Council Member Abel noted the utility increase was opposed with legislators in Springfield. Attorney Dancey advised that previous efforts with the ICC have had impact on the ultimate increases. Mayor Tebben, referring to millions spent including \$120,000 Meadowlawn water line extension, indicated that IAWC needed to provide accurate expenditures for the City to stand behind the rate adjustment. Council generally agreed to formally oppose the rate hike.

Mr. Kief advised that information was furnished each Council Members in response to the direction given him to report on the City of Pekin Snow Removal Plan.

He informed Council that Traffic Safety Committee had reviewed restricted parking hot spots and that Council Members would be provided the list of streets from the August 17, 2007 work session.

Council Member Strand announced that State Representative Mike Smith would conduct an overview of the Illinois budget cuts made by Governor Blagojevich at the Pekin Public Library on September 12th at 6:00 p.m. The City of Pekin local project of significance that was cut was the \$100,000 for construction and repair of Derby Street sidewalks.

Council Member Strand raised questions after referring to an article in the *Pekin Daily Times*. Council Member Blanchard was quoted regarding staff attendance and expense of the Illinois Municipal League Annual Conference. City Manager Denny Kief responded to the Council that those department heads that had budgeted for the conference would be attending. He felt the conference was invaluable to the City. Council Member Strand questioned why only one Council Member was quoted in the article. She then expressed her view in support of having the opportunity to participate in the governmental education offered by the League. Mayor Tebben echoed those views that the sessions were on timely subjects.

Council Member Blanchard spoke of the success of the Marigold Festival events. Other members expressed appreciation for the nice weekend.

Police Chief Gillespie advised Council of the death of former Chief Don Smith and officer John Long. Condolences were offered to the families.

Council Member Dunn expressed concern for the safety of pedestrians crossing Parkway Drive to and from Coal Miners Park.

Mark Werner Pekin Captain of the Illinois River Sweep sponsored by Friends of the Illinois River announced the details of the cleanup of the river on Saturday, September 15, 2007 with registration at the Pekin Boat Club at 8:00 a.m.

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

At 6:48 the Council next met for a work session on strategic planning. The purpose of the meeting was to narrow the scope of projects and objections the Council had set at the annual retreat in August. Mayor Tebben told Council that the televised session was to give local residents an idea of the inner workings of Council itself and the different perspectives of its member on what might be best of the future of Pekin. Topics listed at the Council retreat under Prosperous Community, Safe Community, Strong Foundation, High Quality of Life, and Effective Government were discussed, prioritized or combined with like goals. Facilitator Rodney McDougalle would formulate the Council's priority points into a document. Council indicated that at a future date members would meet jointly with staff to further discuss and define a Conceptual Plan for the City of Pekin.

No further business to come before the Council a motion was made by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:12 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk