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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 THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2002 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BARRA, ORRICK, MASSAGLIA, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 26, 2002, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Fire, Police, Tazewell County Animal Control, Traffic Safety
2. Charitable Solicitation: Pekin Youth Hockey Tag Days October 4 and 5, 2002
3. Resolution No. 196 - Appointment of Robert Ehrich to the Airport Commission
4. Resolution No. 197 - Final Plat Lake Kennedy Section 2

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

Jim Conover, #3 Rueling Court addressed New Business item #2 Resolution No. 199-A Resolution Offering Assistance to Retirees in Payments for Health Insurance Premiums. Mr. Conover stated he represented retired police officers in protesting that forcing insurance plan and premium offered was not equal to active officers making it a violation of state statutes.

New Business

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 198</u>
APPROVING LOAN TO TAZEWELL/PEKIN CONSOLITATED COMMUNICATION

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that Resolution No. 198 be adopted. Steve Thompson Director of T/PCCC explained that the loan was for the purpose of upgrading the communications equipment and making modifications to the new facility on Koch Street. The resolution authorized terms contained in the $185,000 promissory note. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>RESOLUTION NO. 199</u>
A RESOLUTION OFFERING ASSISTANCE TO RETIREES IN PAYMENTS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE PREMIUMS

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Resolution No. 199 be adopted. Mayor Tebben stated that the Retiree Alternate Plan and Retiree Secondary Plan as listed in the Teamsters agreement of 7/15/02 would also be available to police and fire retirees. He clarified the current plan is still available with additional options added for some relief from the FOP contract that stipulates that retirees pay the entire premium. The assistance is for the period of one-year expiring August 31, 2003. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND COUNTY OF TAZEWELL R**egarding Financing for Recycling Program be approved. Public Properties Director Greg Ranney told Council the $67,000 grant derived from tipping fees was the same as previous years used to fund the McDonald site. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **BIDS FOR PROPERTY SALES – CITY HALL /401 COURT /PARKING LOTS** be received and filed.

CONTRACTOR	BID	DESCRIPTION
Enviro-Safe Refrigerants, Inc.	$50,000.00	City Hall (furniture/parking spaces)
Blackstone Group	$100,000.00	Ann Eliza Lot (contingent lease)
Heyde Eye Center	$11,601.00	Ann Eliza Lot
Marigold Motors	$15,501.00	Ann Eliza Lot
Marigold Motors	$20,002.00	Margaret Street Lot

City Manager Dick Hierstein asked Council’s direction regarding the various bids on the sale of the property. The Chair entertained discussion. Com’r. Massaglia did not see any benefit in selling portion of the parking lots or accepting contingencies for parking spaces. He did not support the offer of $50,000 for City Hall building and suggested demolition for parking downtown as an option. The Manager reminded Council that the structure would need major renovation to bring up to code for any purchaser. Mr. Hierstein recommended not disposing of the Margaret Street parking until there were confirmed plans the for City Hall building. Com’r Orrick stated 90 days on the market was not sufficient time for commercial property to be listed and attract interest. Com’r. Richmond asked that a cost estimate be sought on demolishing the old building. Mayor Tebben disagreed on spending possibly $200,000 to receive minimum dollar in a sale. Com’r. Barra felt that the building should be sold to be on the tax rolls. Mr. Hierstein was directed to research the cost of demolishing, negotiate with bidders on Ann Eliza parking lot and continue to market the Inspections and City Hall buildings. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>POLICY NO. 8</u>

FUNDING THE POLICE PENSION FUND

Motion by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Policy No. 8 be adopted. Mayor Tebben explained in conversations regarding health insurance premiums and the challenges that would be faced in funding pensions, he realized as a participant on the Fire Pension Board that the Council had only issued a directive to the Fire Pension. To parallel what is done for firefighters and to offer an additional level of security he presented a written policy that the Police Pension Fund would be funded at 100% of the annual actuarial requirements to secure retirement benefits of its members. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Mayor Tebben gave a reminder that the City would conduct 9/11 Remembrance at the Pekin Pier on Wednesday, September 11th @ 8:30 a.m. There will be a short service and lowering of flags to half-mast at 8:46 a.m. City personnel were instructed to lower all City building flags on that morning.
Mayor Tebben requested the audience and T.V. viewers to help a gentleman identify two commemorative coins of Senator Everett Dirksen and the reason behind why they were struck. The coins were displayed to all in attendance.

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

Motion was made by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com’r. at Orrick 6:10 p.m., that Council move to **Executive Session** to discuss, Acquisition of Real Estate and Collective Bargaining. 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. Massaglia that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:20 P.M.
Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk