
**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 8, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 25, 2008, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Strand, 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. Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Tourism Committee Minutes dated August 27th, 2008, Liquor Commission Minutes dated July 24th, 2008, Zoning Board of Appeals dated August 18th 2008 and Police Department August Report.
- 2. Proclamation: "Silver Star Banner Day" May 1, 2008**
- 3. Solicitation: Benefit Connie Garrison-Knee, September 28, 2008**
- 4. Receive and File 2008 Gap Analysis**

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

A **PUBLIC HEARING** was opened by Mayor Tebben at 5:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the sale of municipally owned property Part of Block 46 in Original Town commonly known as a parking lot in the 300 block of Court Street. City Manager explained to Council that bids were received and opened on September 2, 2008 to sell the vacant lot not needed by the City. Advertisement called for a minimum bid of \$40,000.00 and development plan had to comply with TIF standards. There were no other comments received. Mayor Tebben closed the hearing at 5:37 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard for discussion purposes, that the **CITY MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO SEEK QUOTES FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE AT NORTHSIDE FIRE STATION**. Discussion followed regarding the construction of a 30 x 30 ft garage for the inside storage of the fire department rescue boat and other multiple storage. Public Properties Director Greg Ranney addressed issues Council Members had with the request and the location of new construction as opposed to buildings the City owns. On roll call vote, all present voted Nay. Motion Failed

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **VISITORS BUREAU GRANT TO THE PEKIN LETTE FOR TRI STATE OPEN WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TOURNEY** be approved in the amount of \$1,794.00. Steve Brown Economic Development Coordinator advised the Council that satisfactory final expenses were submitted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2563-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 10 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING REFUSE HAULERS**

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2563- - 08/09, be adopted. The amending language provided for a system of licensing and regulating trucks and/or dumpsters in the business of waste collection using City streets. Council Member Blanchard spoke in opposition to increasing a licensing fee and charging a daily fee that he felt would be passed on to the residents that contracted for debris removal by dumpsters. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Jones, Dunn, Abel, and Tebben; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2564-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 1, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 7 A (iii)
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING THE BIDS OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 2564- 08/09, be adopted. Corporation Counsel Burt Dancey advised the Council on the amending language that provided for the City Manager, at his discretion, to be able to defer quotes \$10,000- \$50,000.00 back to the Council for collective action. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2565-08/09

**AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 2 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING OFFENCES / MISDEMEANORS CITATIONS CHARGING VIOLATIONS OF
CERTAIN ORDINANCES AND SETTLEMENT BY PAYMENT OF FINES**

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 2565-08/09, be adopted. Police Chief Timothy Gillespie informed members of the provisions added to the Misdemeanor Code allowing for City ordinance violations to be paid over the counter at the Police Department. The action would fee-up officer's time, eliminate violators costly appearances in Court, remove prosecuting attorney work, and would produce an estimated \$175,000.00 in revenues. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Kortkamp, Jones, Dunn, Abel, and Tebben; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council extended accolades for a beautiful weekend and successful Marigold Festival. Member Jones also expressed sympathy in the passing of Gus Antonio a strong Pekin figure. Council Member Blanchard encouraged drivers to be cautious of school buses and not violate stop-arm traffic controls. Mayor Tebben commented on the issue of litter and vandalism at the riverfront. He alerted citizens of strict enforcement for violators. The Mayor also referred to a letter of opinion received from the Attorney General's Office encouraging training in the Open Meetings Act provisions for closed sessions.

The City Manager announced the City would conduct a short service to observe September 11th tragedy. On Thursday, September 18 the City would hold a day long Community Day at which attendees would hear reports from the taxing bodies, school districts, the City, and other organizations. Afternoon events included golf and steak cookout. Announcement for Fall Spruce Up Pekin for the first Saturday in October was made.

Public Works Director and Traffic Safety Committee Chairman Joe Wuellner announced a special TSC meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 15, 2008 @ 5:30 p.m. to receive comments on the recommendations for restricted parking on various narrow streets in the community. The Clerk was directed to post as an ad hoc Council Meeting in the event more than 3 members wished to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:35 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. Litigation and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Purchase of Real Estate.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Tebben called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk