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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
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2003 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, RICHMOND, JONES, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

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Mayor Howard requested a moment of silence in sympathy of the passing of Street Department employee Tom Hughes. Director of Public Works Dennis Kief remembered the employee in a montage of photos presented on the Chamber screen during the silence. Condolences were extended to family, friends, and coworkers in attendance.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Howard

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 25, 2003 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police and Tazewell County Animal Control

2. Resolution No. 20-03/04 - Appointment of Susan Salisbury to the Library Board to fill the unexpired term of Barbara Little to July 1, 2005

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

City Manager Hierstein presented an explanation to the Council and previewed for the general public the need to increase **WASTEWATER UTILITY CHARGES**. He indicated the City has known for some time the need to implement the increase in order to keep the utility in a positive cash flow, to pay for new state mandates that have increased operating costs, to pay for inflation and to enable the City to perform required upgrades to the system. New state fees would raise operating costs over $250,000 annually and upgrade requirements to the treatment facility would add $500,000 in new costs. Mr. Hierstein reported on the continuing upgrades of over $7 million dollars that have been made to the system, the solved sewer problem areas, the upgraded lift stations, the extended sewers to new developments, the sewer lining project on Court Street. He presented a comparison of charges in other communities and stated the increase recommended of 34% or 38% would still leave Pekin below the average in the county.

Mayor Howard advised the community and Council that an ordinance to change the fee would be presented at the first meeting in October and laid over for public input until the second meeting of that month for action

Unfinished Business

No motion was heard on the tabled ordinance. Mayor Howard informed Council that suggested revisions to the definition of a beer garden were still being drafted by Corporation Counsel.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **AGREEMENT WITH LEWELLEN TOURISM LOGISTICS** for Pekin Tourism Coordinator be approved. Kim Uhlig Director of Planning and Development recommended the proposal submitted by LTL to oversee the daily operations of the Pekin Visitors Bureau. She indicated her recommendation was a result of Ms. Lewellen's past year experience, positive progress in the efforts of Tourism Commission and the objectives of her newly established Sports Commission. Mary Jo Lewellen would train a new coordinator with office in City Hall. Proposals were received from the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce and Griffin Enterprises. Comr's. Maddox and Massaglia questioned Ms. Lewellen on her intention to leave as Visitors Bureau Coordinator but oversee the organization and provide a staff person "on-sight" four days a week utilized in the day-to-day operations through her Morton Company LTL. Com'r. Jones felt the questioning was out of order since the candidate did not address the Council during Public Input. Attorney Oberle gave the opinion that with consent of council members the Mayor as chair of the meeting could give permission for Ms. Lewellen to answer questions without violation of Roberts Rules of Order. Com'r. Jones then questioned why a $50,000 contract was not submitted for public bidding. Ms. Uhlig indicated the Griffin proposal intended to move the office to the Concorde Inn. Com'r. Jones stated he was not able to support a $52,000 contract with $35,000 for advisor and for 24 hours per week of additional staff. He also felt traditionally cities go to the chamber of commerce, the PACC proposal was $4,000 less, and an in town company should be considered. Com'r. Maddox asked Chamber Director Bill Fleming to address concerns. Mr. Fleming clarified the Chamber's position that the role of tourism was not planner and the proposal should not be construed as active involvement in the recruitment, planning or execution of "pier parties." On roll call vote, Ayes, Maddox, Massaglia, Howard; Nays, Jones, Richmond. Motion Carried.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY** for recycling collection program in the amount of $67,000.00 be approved. Public Property Director Greg Ranney told Council that the yearly agreement was the same as last year with $10,000 allocated for education and remainder to offset recycling costs. On roll call vote, all present voted, Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **SUBORDINATION REQUEST OF DENNIS J AND ANN C. MULLEN, CDZ, INC. GOODFELLA'S PUB & PIZZA** be approved. Pamela Anderson Community Development Coordinator presented an information packet that the Loan Committee reviewed and voted to approve the request. She indicated Pekin Savings Bank proposed consolidating 1st and 2nd mortgages on 1249 Redwood Drive putting the City in a better position. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Mark Werner invited the community to Illinois River Sweep on September 20. Registration for cleanup of the Illinois River banks would begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Pekin Boat Club.

Greg Ranney announced 9-11 events honoring Police, Fire, Military, and 911 on September 11th at Five-Points. He encouraged community involvement.

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

Com'r. Richmond thanked all volunteers for a successful Marigold Festival.
Com'r. Massaglia acknowledged that police officer Chuck Barth had returned from active military service in Iraq. He extended an invitation to honor one of the community's own at the September 11 ceremony.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Pending Litigation (ILCS 120/2. (C.) (11). 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. Jones that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.
COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:35 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk