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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY AUGUST 28, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor McCabe.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:24 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	2:50 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	2:49 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	2:49 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:22 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:25 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	2:49 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

4.2. **City Council - Regular Meeting - Aug 14, 2017 5:30 PM**

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 2. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

5.1. Motion to: **Move to Exec Session at 5:35 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2. Collective Bargaining**

Council returned to open session at 6:00 p.m. All Council Members were present.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

PUBLIC INPUT

Rick Hilst asked to address Unfinished Items 9.1 and 9.2 Engineering Agreement for Front Street and it's funding resolution. He told the Council he had gathered information after the public was told of concerns that justified the need for design improvements. He had contacted individual businesses on Front Street for their direct input. He found a lesser accounting of trucks than was told, no traffic congestion, no stacking, and no plans of business expansions. In his opinion the project was a waste of MFT money. He asked the Council to let the taxpayers decide what the taxpayer wants by placing the question on a binding referendum.

Ann Witzig spoke to Consent Agenda item 8.4 rejection of bids for rehabilitation of guardrail and drainage. She questioned why Council did not want to fix and remove the weeds. She spoke in opposition of Council's willingness to spend $600,000 but not to fix an eyesore. She next voiced her opinion of all 3 New Business items. She told Council they should not give the manager such authority to negotiate health insurance when there was such a gap in what he estimated the City could save. She told Council they should have more concern with the WWTP Task Orders proposed. Next she questioned the $30,000 plus different figures throughout the documents in the request for additional money for the Audio/Video expenditure. She voiced her opinion that Members were corrupt and didn't abide by their ordinances.

John McNish commented that no one was cutting the weeds around the guardrail listed in the Consent agenda. He questioned if the City was really ready for an expansion of the Audio/Video equipment and spoke critical of the broadcast of Council Meetings.

Bill Fleming Executive Director of the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce said he represented over 375 business members for Council to vote in favor of the Agreement with Hanson Professional Services for Front Street Improvements. He told the Council several large employers, Pacific Ethanol, Illinois Corn, CHS and Turner Grain employ several hundred head-of-household jobs and the properties along Front Street pay over $600,00 per year in property taxes.

Rich Kreigsman, business owner, asked the Council to vote to continue the project. Once the engineering design plans were completed the construction portion would be eligible for State and Federal grants. He felt Council should encourage business and demonstrate their interest in the fact those businesses pay over $27 million in salaries and significant taxes.

Elaine Richey also commented on the Hanson Design Agreement. She asked Council how many citizens traveled Front Street compared to Derby Street where the money should be used. She felt trucks would just tear up a new Front Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

7.1. 2017 Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Presentation President and CEO Don Welsh

President and CEO Don Welsh introduced Cara Allen Director of Marketing and Joni Staley Director of Sales for the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau. The Council was provided printouts of Enjoy Peoria materials Guide to the best of the Peoria Area, the PowerPoint presentation of an update to the work the organization's efforts had evolved to meet the needs of the Pekin community, and a Pekin Marketing Report. Each of the represenatives spoke to the Council on the tourism marketing and sales tools utilized. They spoke of the assistance in local events such as Christmas on Court, Pekin Insurance Holiday Tournement, Wings and Wheels, Marigold Festival, and live television interviews.

CONSENT AGENDA

8.1. **Enjoy Pekin Tourism Minutes 07/11/2017**

8.2. **Intellectual Disabilities Week Proclamation**

8.3. **Resolution No. 64-17/18**

8.4. **Reject all Bids for the 14th St. Guardrail and Drainage Rehabilitation**

8.5. **Airport Commission Minutes dated June 27, 2017**

8.6. Motion to: **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda**

Mayor McCabe read and presented the consent agenda items for consideration of the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

8.1. Enjoy Pekin Tourism Minutes 07/11/2017
8.2. Intellectual Disabilities Week Proclamation
8.3. Resolution No. 64-17/18 Authorization of Deputy Clerk
8.4. Reject all Bids for the 14th St. Guardrail and Drainage Rehabilitation
8.5. Airport Commission Minutes dated June 27, 2017

Mayor McCabe read the Proclamation for Intellectual Disabilities Week and spoke of the Knights of Columbus efforts in the Annual Tootsie Roll Drive where proceeds are distributed to local programs helping the disabled.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

9.1. **Amend the Engineering Agreement with Hanson for the Front Street**

City Engineer Michael Guerra recommended to the Council the Service Agreement, to allow the company to prepare final plans and contract documents for the improvements to the Road Project. With the completion of the design, the City would be able to seek grant funding from Federal and State levels if "shovel ready". The original agreement was entered into 2013. Design to reduce trucks stacking in traffic would benefit recent growth in industries on the corridor Distillery, Front, Fayette, and intersection with IL 29. Hanson Professional Engineering Service Representative Cindy Loos was available to answer Council's questions. Council Member Luft noted he had tabled the agreement the previous meeting to obtain additional information on the project before spending $600,000 that could be used for residential streets. The Council Member asked to table again. He expressed his opinion that Council could be more creative in approaching a design plan by utilizing a Bradley, an ISU or University of Illinois much like the students did for the Asian Carp Marketing Study 2 years ago. Council Member Garrison thanked Engineer Mike Guerra for the overview and insight into the project after speaking to him in his office the previous week. Ms. Loos addressed Council Member Orrick's questions regarding the length of time plans were good and the need for a licensed engineer to sihn design plans. Council Member Abel told the Council it would be unprofessional to step away from the project at this point. Cost go up in delays to seek a study or to consider a new engineering firm. council Member ritchason noted the design would be a prequalification for federal funding and was infavor. Council received comments from the Engineer and the City Manager that the continuation of the project was important for the future economic progress of Pekin. Delay would greatly hurt funding chances.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

9.2. Motor Fuel Tax Resolution No. 63-17/18 for Front Street Engineering
The resolution was skipped at the last meeting and documented as tabled along with the agreement that the $600,000.00 was was intented to fund.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Resolution No. 65-17/18
The City Manager asked Council's approval to be authorized to negotiate and execute on behalf of the City of Pekin contracts for group health insurance including life, dental, vision and short term disability insurance for full time eligible employees and retirees of the City. During Teamster negotiations the City was provided group health insurance rates through their product Central States Health and Welfare Fund. As a matter of due diligence the City requested pricing for self-insured products. Mr. Carson told the Council that the City expected to save between $250,000 and $931,000 being self-insured through a third party administrator beginning October 1, 2017. Central States quoted increase of 11 1/2% premiums October 1, 2017 and 13% October 1, 2018.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

10.2. Task Orders 1, 2, 3 for the Master Agreement with Farnsworth for General Wastewater Projects
City Engineer Michael Guerra recommended Council's approval of Task Orders 1,2, and 3 for a total lump sum of $85,500.00. The action was in accordance with the Master Agreement appoved at the June 26, 2017 Council meeting for for general engineering at the Plant. Task oo1 included maintencae and support of SCADA software monitors that provide automation of the equipment. The support services were for five years not to exceed $50,000. Task Order 002 was to replace the electronics and controls at Hickory Hills pump station and remote telenetry integration to the City's fiber network. The task order was estimated at $20,500 with additional costs of $11,800 for the installed eqipement. Task Oder 003 would provide the technical expertise to assist the IT department for the replacement of computer servers due to age and sericeability. It was estimated $10,000 would be need for labor cost and an additional $5,000 for software upgrades.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

10.3. Council Chamber Audio/Video Upgrades Revised

Council was advised by Administrative Services Director Mark Rothert, the budgeted funds for the Audio/Video broadcast upgrades needed to be revised to expend $30,000.00. Council had previously commented on the public complaints and the poor quality audio on streaming video and stream replay of the Chamber's meetings. Council Received and Filed mcp Midwest Computer Products, Inc. proposal in response to the RFP for Video Projection, Presentation and Broadcast Equipment Upgrade on May 9, 2016. Mr. Rothert presented details of the purchase and addressed Council's questions regarding lapel mics, camera quality, ongoing maintenance and local tech support.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	Michael Garrison

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor McCabe allowed members of the public to speak on matters important to the community. The following comments were received:

John McNish made remark of how many dollars the Council spent on the agenda items. Told Council they needed to stop spending. Said ne hadn't heard anything further on his request to have a street named after a veteran. Questioned what was going on. Commented he felt sorry for Mr. Luft. Named "buzz" words Council should remember: citizens, wasted money, weeds, ADA ramps. He advised the Council to be a team.

Ann Witzig thanked Council Member Luft. Expressed disappointment that the bids were turndown for replacement of a guard rail. She asked that a commitment be made to cut the weeds. Criticized the Council for not making Manager and Attorney live up to standards.

Elaine Richey stated there were so many weeds on Derby Street project she wondered if that how a retention pond was to be.

City Manager Tony Carson announced to council that on September 11, 2017 the City would be switching out resident's red recycle bins for 64 gal roll carts in an effort to encourage recycling, reduce potential for labor issues, the esthetics, to improve the environment, and to save the City money at the landfill. The program would offer discounts to begin.

Council Member Orrick for the Labor Day thanked the men and women who had built this country. He encourage the community to attend the Marigold Festival.

ADJOURN

No other business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Ritchason, secondeded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjoun. Mayor McCabe adjouned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.