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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 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 27, 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

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **agenda be approved as presented.** Council Member Jones requested that Item 2 from the Consent Agenda be moved to New Business as a point of personal privilege. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 13, 2007 and Council Planning Session August 18m 2007, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

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

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

1. **Monthly Reports and Minutes: Building Report, and Liquor Commission Minutes Dated June 28, 2007**

2. **moved to New Business**

3. **Request from Pekin Main Street to post auxiliary banner for Family Fest and concurrence of Council**

4. **Receive and File full text of Planning Commission Minutes Dated August 8, 2007**

5. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
   a. Hearing #07-1744 – recommends to accept the zoning of properties to be annexed into the City of Pekin as presented on the Plat for Wedge Development
   b. Hearing #07-1745 – recommends to deny the Special Use for Open Front Storage at 250 Derby due to the location and ordinance requirements in a B-3 zone
   c. Hearing #07-1746 – recommends to approve the Site Plan as presented for a New Building/Parking for property located at the corner of 14th Street and Ann Eliza using the existing curb cut on Ann Eliza

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Representative Nicole Nutter, Tri-County Regional Planning, shared information in regards to a two-year analysis of transportation services that was summarized in a **REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN.** The purpose of the study was to determine the most feasible expansion of mass transit for the Tri-County area. After significant data was gathered by technical consultant Perteet, Inc., TCRPC made recommendations to provide transit service from Peoria. Throughout the development of the plan the public was engaged to obtain input. Ms. Nutter advised that the recommendation was to increase the frequency of the Pekin routes. Council requested data of ridership from Director of Transportation Greg Ranney.

Maggie Martino Program Manager from Tri-County Regional Planning presented **LAND USE STUDY FOR THE EXTENSION OF EL CAMINO DRIVE FROM FOURTEENTH STREET TO FIFTH STREET.** The study presented options to the Council for the extension after studying area conditions, demographics, future land use and traffic counts. Council Members expressed interest in the possibilities that would be created opening a new east/west corridor on the southside of the City. Council was told much of the construction already under way in Pekin was in the study area. Development would continue as Riverway Business Park expanded and the new Park District sports complex at the corner of Fifth and Koch Streets evolved. El Camino Drive to Fifth Street would connect soon-to-be extended Hanna Drive to Route 29. Ms. Martino reviewed the configurations, advantages, traffic issues and expenses of each option. Tri-County recommended non-motorized travel venues such as a bike trail and sidewalks. Council Member Strand felt issues of expanding Fifth Street because of the increased traffic flow should be addressed first. Council Member Jones expressed concern that a traffic signal would be needed on Hanna Drive in considering the complete project. Terry Kolbe Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Director commended the City of Pekin and staff for the good relationship with the Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Transportation Study in funding such projects. Council generally supported proceeding with the project by seeking funding from the agency and the federal grants.

City Manager Dennis Kief presented retiring **TREASURER CHIC RENNER** with departing gifts from the City. Mr. Kief recognized Mr. Renner's beneficial services in a unique situation where duties of Finance Director and Treasurer were split.

Assistant Finance Director Angie Evans gave a general explanation of revenues, expenditures, and fund balances in a **QUARTERLY FINANCE REPORT.** Treasurer Chic Renner then reported on interest earnings for the first quarter. Mr. Renner distributed the fund breakdown percentages on a cash basis and accrual basis. He advised Council of the following:

1) Property Tax ($5.2 million) had not yet been received.
2) General Fund Reserves at ($9 million) 4 months vs. goal of 6 months
3) Decline of interest rates could adversely affect earnings
4) All bank accounts reconciled and balanced

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2527- OA - 07/08
AMENDING TITLE 9, CHAPTER 9, 10, 11, 12 AND 13 AND SCHEDULE OF REGULATIONS OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING ZONING

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 2527-OA 07/08 be adopted. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner explained to Council that the Planning Commission recommended various changes to the title of the zoning code. Council acted on those recommendations concerning "villas" qt a previous meeting. During that review a general cleanup of language was found to be needed. These changes included definitions and correct identification of national building codes. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **RECOMMENDATION OF THE PEKIN PLANNING COMMISSION BE ACCEPTED AND THE SPECIAL USE REQUEST FROM DAWN RILEY FOR OPEN FRONT STORAGE 250 DERBY STREET** be denied. Council Member Blanchard informed other members he observed the presentation and consideration of the request at the planning meeting and supported fully the recommendation of the commission in denying the open front storage for the secondhand dealer business. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **RECOMMENDATION OF THE PEKIN PLANNING COMMISSION BE ACCEPTED AND THE SITE PLAN FROM VONDERHEIDES REMNANT OUTLET FOR A NEW BUILDING AND PARKING** be approved. A general discussion was heard concerning curb cut and access of semis to loading dock. Ann Eliza could be a disturbance to the surrounding residential district. Fourteenth Street presented a safety factor using and obstructing the congested street. Council concurred that the existing curb cut on Ann Eliza be used. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2528- 07/08
REGARDING CHANGING NAME OF FRONT STREET TO MAIN STREET

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 2528-07/08 adopted. Chairman and Police Chief Tim Gillespie recommended through Traffic Safety Committee to rename the street that ran along the river because of the inconsistency in street designation of Front Street from Broadway to Ann Eliza. Mayor Tebben suggested the committee review the issue of the remaining named Front Street changing to Fayette Street at the intersection of Main. Council Member Jones then introduced the issue that compliant were received on the matter of Front Street being designated at one-way. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A 263- 07/08
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 9 AND 11 AND TITLE 8, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 9 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS, THROUGH STREET, AND TRUCK ROUTES

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 1462-A 263-7/08 be adopted. It was explained to Council that overall revisions were needed to chapters and sections of the Traffic Code related to the action of renaming Front Street as Main Street and designating potions of the new Main Street as a north-south through street. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **QUOTE FOR THE REPAIR OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT BUILDING FLOOR DRAIN TROUGH** be approved and the contract awarded to Mark Bale & Son Concrete Construction in the amount of $19,537.97. Council Member Blanchard questioned the use of all new concrete in replacing 120' drain in the center of the Street Department. Director of Public Property Greg Ranney explained that the angle and deteriorated grate presented a safety concern for the equipment. On roll call vote; Ayes Strand, Kortkamp, Abel, Dunn, and Tebben; Nays; Jones and Blanchard. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-07/08
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING BANK DEPOSITORIES AND AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR THE CITY OF PEKIN

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Resolution No. 14-07/08 be adopted. Council Member Jones inquired as to why there were seven institutions listed with in the resolution. It was explained that those banks have done business with the City and that most banking transactions go through Herget Bank locally. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Dunn promoted the Pekin Public Library and the activities planned for National Library Card Sign-Up Month in September that Director Jeff Brooks had planned. He indicated that he would continue to endorse funding the improvements being considered to the Library.

Council Member Blanchard indicated that the status of the negotiations to consider a franchise with Illinois American Water Company with local supervisor had not been provided as requested. Mayor Tebben felt that Council had not ranked the continuation of franchise or purchase as a clear priority to the Manager at this time.

Council Member Strand encouraged participation at the Marigold activities.

Council Member Jones asked for status, made comments, and directed the following:

1) felt the Manager needed direction of this administration on direction of the water franchise issue
2) requested monthly bill run report from finance department be provided to the Council
3) questioned if the finance department had a tool to confirm that funding or money agreed upon actually is received.
4) status of the street maintenance program and intent to modify specification for bidding the project next year
5) requested a snow plan removal report be given at the Council meeting of September 24

Police Chief Tim Gillespie told Council that the Pekin Police Foundation in conjunction with the Police Department sent mailings to over 1000 residents conducting a survey to gather citizen thoughts and opinion regarding police service and perceptions in Pekin.

Director of Public Transportation Greg Ranney expressed appreciation to Senator David Koehler and Aaron Shock for their support of important action considered in the last General Assembly concern school bus legislation.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner advised Council and the public that the 2nd Street railroad crossing improvements were completed. Beginning September 4th the railroad crossing on Distillery Road would be closed for repairs. Front Street would revert back to a one-way street in three weeks.

Crystal Dagit, 1413 Charlotte reported back to Council on the early usage of the old Vogel Building on 2nd Street. She had found that the structure was built about 1854 originally as a dry goods business. Approximately 1867-1864 the building housed a volunteer fire department.

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

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Council move to Executive Session at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk