
**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, AUGUST 26, 2002 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 12, 2002 and the Special City Council Meeting of August 19, 2002, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Wastewater Treatment, Inspections
2. Charitable Solicitation: Miles A. Plymale October 12, 2002
3. Receive and File Petition for Annexation Shade Pekin Memorial Youth Camp
4. Receive and File Resignation of Donald E. Eastabrook from Airport Commission

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Don Webb CEO for local American Red Cross Association presented Deputy Fire Chief Dan Bonnette with a plaque in appreciation of the Pekin Fire Department's support in the Badges for Life campaign.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the bid in the amount of \$36,265.85 for **TELEVISIONING SEWER ON FRONT STREET IN FRONT OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT NO. 1** be approved and the contract be awarded to Kenny Industrial Services, LLC. Public Works Director Dennis Kief explained that the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency required proof that rain water entering the sewer system was going to the sewer treatment plant facility not through a gate directly into the Illinois River. The televising was mandatory for the IEPA to certify the new sewage treatment facility plan for \$7.3 million upgrade. Mr. Kief would request reimbursement from the agency for the work in connection with the low interest rate loan from the IEPA for the improvement. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 194

SUPPORTING THE ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY COUNCIL

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Resolution No. 194 be adopted. Mayor Tebben told council that the region council of governments was joint cooperative to promote regional economic growth. The group's agenda would be to promote intergovernmental projects, provide opportunities to make purchases of supplies and equipment in bulk and provide joint training. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 195

FINAL PLAT THE VILLAS AT LUTTICKEN'S COVE

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Resolution No. 195 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2299

AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN

BY THE ADDITION OF TITLE 4, CHAPTER 12

IMPOSING A SIMPLIFIED MUNICIPAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS TAX

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Ordinance No. 2299 be adopted. Corporation Counsel summarized the changes combining the telecommunications tax and infrastructure maintenance fee, to be effective January 1, 2003 that would bring the City into compliance with State mandates to the telecommunications tax structure. The Department of Revenue will collect the tax and municipalities will get a share of the revenues. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

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

Don Nell 913 Truman, retired Police Chief, read from a prepared statement his concerns that the city was penalizing those retirees on a fixed income by increasing the insurance premiums. He asked that Council do the right thing and pay a larger portion of the premium for retirees.

Merle St. Clair, 612 Bayside Drive, Germantown Hills, retired police officer, stated he was angry and that both sides were talking on the insurance issue but neither was getting anywhere. He felt the \$300,000 a year difference needed to be resolved and maybe the City budget didn't need furniture or riverfront water park project. Mt. St. Clair polled each Council member on his or her position on the insurance issue. Commissioner Barra said the Teamsters agreed to a proposal and the Council needed to be consistent will all plan participants.

The Chair requested that discussion not turn antagonistic or unfair. He asked that the retirees present become clear on the facts of what had transpired in the weeks of talks. He stated that the Council was not insensitive but there were other factors to consider such as the Council did not make the premium go up, for the City to pay the deficit for retirees would be a major change in policy, the Council is accountable to 20, 0000 other taxpayers.

Mr. Hierstein explained the allegation that he wanted retirees off the health plan coverage. He stated he was interested in looking at ways retirees could use the City's health care plan as a secondary option.

Jim Wright 1513 N. 9th Street, retired police officer, requested Council consider the retirees proposal of the \$600.00 plan offered.

Jim Conover, # 3 Rueling Court retired police officer, stated the law requires the City to offer the same coverage to retirees as to the active officers and firemen at the same costs.

The following also addressed Council regarding their concerns on increased premiums:

Walt Sandall, retired police officer

Dale Oltman 1125 S. 6th Street, retired police officer

Dick Smith, 203 Henrietta Street, retired firefighter.

Wayne Schafer, 1209 Willow, retired police officer

Greg Ranney Public Properties Department thanks individuals and the department for the work done on the flowers gardens this year and presented the City with 5 blue and 1 red ribbon for entries in the Marigold Festival.

Mayor Tebben announced services for 9/11 remembrance would be held September 11th @ 8:30 a.m. at the Riverfront Pier in memory of the victims of the terrorist attacks. He directed that flags be flown at half-mast throughout the City.

Motion was made by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Richmond at 6:55 p.m., that Council move to **Executive Session** to discuss, Acquisition of Real Estate (not necessary) 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. Orrick seconded by Com'r. Barra that Council adjourn Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk