
**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 24, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN MAYOR PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 10, 2009 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Karen Wade, 319 Edgewood Drive, read from a prepared letter to the Council of her concern in the selection process for the adoption of the Mayor's appointments to the Human Rights Committee. Learned of Pekin's racist image Pekin's reputation is not a perception, it is a fact. She questioned the experience with human rights issues of the prospective members and suggested following representatives: Social worker, Clergy, Elementary school teacher, Union, Salvation Army, Union Mission, Disabled, Ethnic groups, Been considered, Perpetuates idea City of Pekin not serious about human rights.

Andy Sparks, 8 Haylake Drive advised Council that the Economic Development Advisory Committee was ready to meet with the Council to present their recommendations for proposed incentives for development. EDAC Chairman Sparks also informed Council that the committee unanimously supported the Council's plans to enter into an IPC TIF District that was being proposed with the assistance of PGAV.

Planner Jeremy Hayes of Peckman Guyton Albers & Viets, Inc. presented the professional service agreement to assist Pekin in setting up a new South Industrial Park Conservation Area TIF. He advised that the qualifying factors, blighted area, conservation, labor surplus municipality, with an unemployment rate of 11..3% in June time would be of the essence. The process would take through December to complete.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

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

- 1. Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Electrical Commission minutes dated August 6, 2009, Traffic Safety Minutes dated August 7, 2009, Police Report July and Airport Commission.
- 2. Proclamations:** "Mentally Handicapped Week" September 13, 2009
"Paint the Town Red for YWCA Day" Saturday, August 29, 2009

3. Charitable Solicitation: “Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive” - September 18-20, 2009

“Benefit for Cainen Baker-Friends Tap Bike Run” September 26, 2009

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Treasurer James Wolf in a PowerPoint presentation summarized the financial status of the City through July. He indicated that rates were on a downward trend, thereby reducing the revenues the City had. He felt the City was positioned as well as possible until the economy recovers. Explanations were given that the first installments of County taxes were received and 2nd installment portion would be timely in October. The State replacement tax was down considerably. Mr. Wolf estimated the Food and Beverage Tax was on track, bringing in approximately \$79,000 per month. Sales tax was surprisingly steady over other comparables.

Council Members heard Secretary of the Pekin Municipal Airport Commission Charles Thomas give origination, history, past and current fiscal condition of the Airport. Mr. Thomas covered from the airport’s beginning as an emergency field in 1920 through various improvements. He advised Council of the expenditure for snow removal, grass cutting reduced to in-house, hangar rentals, and Byerly Aviation previous contract to manage.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **PECKMAN GUYTON ALBERS & VIETS, INC. AGREEMENT in an amount not to exceed \$27,000**, be approved.

Agreement with PGAV Consultant to prepare Industrial Park Conservation (IPC) Area Plan in the expanded Riverway Business Park

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH JAMES UNLAND & CO. INC., in the amount of \$5.00 per member per month**, be approved. A comprehensive explanation of their business practices and sets forth the basic terms upon which the company render services for the City Human Resources and benefit related consulting services in an amount estimated at \$13,000 in basic terms of \$5.00 per member per month important resource during insurance negotiations, gathering benefits, wages, health insurance data from comparable communities, and transition from one Third Party Administrator to another, and most recent transition from being self insured to Central States Health and Welfare Fund provider.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2593-09/10

**AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 4, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING FAIR HOUSING**

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Ordinance No. 2593-09/10** be adopted. Pam Anderson, Community Development Director, in an effort to achieve a better community image, presented the amendment to the Fair Housing Code to align with State of Illinois protected groups and the removal of the Human Relations Commission and creation of the Human Rights Committee. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Kortkamp, Barra, Abel, Dunn; Abstain, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 2594-09/10

**AMENDING TITLE 2, CHAPTER 8 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN
REGARDING THE CREATION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE**

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **Ordinance No. 2594-09/10** be approved. Ms. Anderson, as a result of one of Council’s top priorities of the Retreat to improve the image of the community, also recommended removing the Human Relations Commission and creating the Human Rights Committee. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Kortkamp, Barra, Abel, Dunn; Abstain, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 14-09/10

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that **Resolution No. 14-09/10** be adopted. Pam Anderson presented named members to be appointed to the established Human Rights Committee and what the members would be charged with doing. Discussion followed. Council Member Barra questioned the residence of some of the members. Council Members Strand and Blanchard expressed concern about the lack of public input on selection process and lack of representation for community groups in Pekin. Council Member Strand expressed appreciation to the proposed members of the committee in attendance but could not support the Mayor's appointments without further discussion regarding the process. Council Member Schmidgall suggested the public have the opportunity to get involved be completing the application process used for appointments to boards and commission. Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that Resolution No. 14-08/09 be tabled. On roll call vote; Ayes, Strand, Schmidgall, Blanchard, Dunn, Nays, Barra, Abel, Kortkamp. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A291-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1.D OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **Ordinance No. 1462-A291-09/10** be adopted. The Traffic Safety Committee recommended no parking on the southeast portion of Pine Street at Maple Park Drive a total distance of 200' to address the parking concerns in the area of the apartments. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Abel shared input he had received from the public regarding their concern at the crossing for Coal Miners Park and Parkway Drive both for pedestrians and the traffic. It was suggested to install a flashing yield light and/or a button to stop traffic.

Council Member Blanchard announced the Council/Firefighters softball challenge for MDA. Council member and staff would participate in the fund raising on Friday September 4 at 8:00 p.m. and also at the Marigold Festival Family Fest dunk tank on Friday, September 11, 2009.

Mayor Dunn encouraged the public to submit their application if interested in serving on the Human Rights Committee.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner distributed information regarding the Mossville Bluffs ravine stabilization. He indicated the tour of this problem area and the implemented management practices would help the Council see the techniques for correcting erosion issues that also occur in Pekin.

City Manager Dennis Kief informed Council and the public of the activities scheduled for remembrance of 9-11 event.

Police Chief Ted Miller advised the public that the City and State were increasing patrol for speed, driving under the influence of alcohol, and seatbelt enforcement.

Everett Louis, 1208 Hamilton, addressed Council with several concerns: the inability of the handicapped to cross Parkway Drive, speed limit enforcement in area of Miller Center, the condition of the sidewalk from the park to Broadway at 14th Street. He also announced that he would be obtaining signatures to run for the US Senate.

Roger Alexander, 1904 Court Street, expressed his concern of truck traffic using "jake break" on Court Street through the City. He requested the Council to consider passing an ordinance to restrict usage by semi trucks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 7:40 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk