
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL 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 WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2005 AT 5:45 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, DAGIT, BLANCHARD AND JONES

ABSENT: NONE

Council received and proper notice was posted on August 17, 2005, of a special meeting to accept quotes and award Riverfront Restrooms Construction Project.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

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

New Business

Mayor Howard opened discussion on the **QUOTATIONS FOR THE RIVERFRONT RESTROOMS.**

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that the **CITY COUNCIL INSTRUCT CITY STAFF TO PREPARE BIDS AND PUBLICLY ADVERTISE BIDS FOR THE RIVERFRONT RESTROOM CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.**

Council was provided with sections of the City of Pekin Code 1-9-7 Contracts for Public Improvements. City Manager Dennis Kief explained that it was usually advantageous to prepare technical specification and bid a project but the City had in the past utilized the quotation process as allowed in the City Code. The Mayor had suggested that additional restrooms be completed by the Riverfront Park Grand Opening and it was thought to be supported by the council. The only way that construction could take place that quickly was with quotes.

Discussion followed on the advantages of looking at the entire project including completion of the Tourism section of the building. It was thought that there was not enough money available at the beginning but after demolition of the grain elevators and as the Riverfront project neared completion it came in under budget. It was noted there was approximately \$163,555 in TIF funding that could be used for the remaining projects. This funding would not affect the camera purchases. Greg Ranney Public Property Director explained the component of the camera projects in surveillance of the riverfront. Discussion was also heard on vandalism to the present restroom facilities and curfew enforcement.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the **MOTION BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE PARKING LOT AND VISITORS CENTER AS WELL AS RESTROOM SECTION OF THE BUILDING.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

The Chair called for the roll on the motion to prepare bids as amended. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Howard announced the Grand Opening for the Riverfront Park scheduled for Sunday September 18 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. He apologized for his comments at Monday's meeting after Council made the decision not to accept the quotes but to go out for bid of the entire project. He was sorry if the public was under the impression that staff had not done their jobs in soliciting quotes.

No further business to come before the Council, Motion was made by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:17 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk