



City of Pekin

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE TOURISM COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2023 AT 5:00 PM
MAYOR MARY J. BURRESS PRESIDING**

Call to Order

The meeting of the Pekin Tourism Committee was called to order by Chairperson Leloni Luft at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 4, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 111 S. Capitol St. Pekin, Illinois.

A quorum was established:

Present: Melanie Matthews, Amy McCoy, Bob Grogan, Trent Reeise, John Dossey, and Cameron Bettin.

Approve Agenda

John Dossey moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Cameron Bettin. Agenda approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

3.1. Approval of minutes from November 6, 2023

John Dossey made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Amy McCoy. Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Input

There was no public input.

Unfinished Business

5.1. 2023 Calendar of Events - Review Christmas on Court

The Committee reviewed Christmas on Court - it was another successful event. They discussed the possibility of setting up a tent for the vendors next year.

5.2. 2024 Bicentennial Kick Off Event - January 19, 2024 - Ceremony like Ribbon Cutting

Amy asked the Committee to attend this event. They discussed having a balloon drop with schools attending. They are looking for people with stories of Pekin history.

5.3. 2024 Downtown Concert Series

Revel in Red has confirmed an appearance on August 24. Others are to be determined. They are considering an all day music festival for Memorial Day in 2025.

5.4. Pekin Park District Appointment - Recommend Shawn Powers to replace Dori Smith

New Business

6.1. Pekin Main Street request for Bicentennial banner

Gary Gillis encouraged the City to participate and asked for \$1,015 to replicate the 1924 Banner and suggested a community photo.

Amy McCoy moved to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$1,015, seconded by Melanie Matthews. Motion approved unanimously.

6.2. Set January meeting date

No meeting in January. Next meeting February 5, 2024.

Any Other Business

7.1. Updates from Community Partners on activities and upcoming events

Brian Wonders brought the Committee up to date on happenings at the Avanti's Dome. There was discussion on the new Pekin Hometown Voice newspaper with positive stories and mailing approx. 19,000 copies.

Adjourn

Amy McCoy moved to adjourn, seconded by John Dossey. Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote.