
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 18, 2003 AT 3:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, RICHMOND, JONES, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

Notice of a special meeting of the City Council to review projects in the City by bus tour was posted and received by members of Council on August 14, 2003.

Participants boarded a bus at City Hall at 3:30 p.m.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present. Also present were Dick Hierstein, Dennis Kief, Greg Ranney, John Janssen, Joe Wuellner, Kim Uhlig, Sue McMillan, Bill Fleming Chamber of Commerce, Sharon Harris *Pekin Times*, Jonathan Ahl WCBU, members of the media and camera crew WMBD and WHOI.

Commissioner Jones left the bus at 3:45 p.m.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Department Heads reported and discussed the status of the following projects of the bus itinerary:

3:30 Board Bus (City Hall)

3:35 Downtown Streetscape - Joe Wuellner explained Court Street Streetscape progress from 4th Street to 2nd Street. Talked about basements that extend out underneath the sidewalks in front of the Union Mission.

3:40 Riverfront – Joe Wuellner reported footings were complete for fishing pier at demolished grain bin area south of Court Street. Kim reported there continues to be meetings and discussion on the progress of Pekin Lake with Corp. of Engineers and Department of Conservation. Next meeting September 28.

3:45 Brick Streets - members viewed the brick restoration process on Buena Vista. Denny Kief pointed out the two new full-time street personnel placing salvaged bricks in a prepared area that was a utility patch. Summer personnel had cleaned and stacked salvaged bricks according to type. He explained that because there were a limited supply necessary for repairs, a survey would be sent to residents this week asking their preference on options of shortening the street by overlaying intersections, creating wide crosswalks from middle of the street bricks, overlay entirely.

3:50 Wastewater Treatment Plant – Denny Kief explained that the City is being put in the position to upgrade the plant at approximately 7.5 million. Funding will come from increased sewer user charges.

3:55 Business Park/Prison - in drive through of park, Council was shown 20,000 sq.ft. expansion of Excalibur. Funded with EDFAP loan, the increased business created 12-15 new jobs.

Council was shown the yard of litter violator on 9th Street.

On North 14th Street it was pointed out to Council where dredge material from Lake Arlann is being filled on the west side of the street.

4:05 East Court Village/Super-WalMart - explanation given by Denny Kief of the construction of intersection from Mall parking lot at Mall Road for entrance to new Wal Mart store. Council viewed Wal Mart construction site. Questions answered by Kim Uhlig and Bill Fleming on progress of Mall remodeling project and prospect of retailers. Joe reported on new store construction permits from the inspection department for Dollar Deals and Camile's Café.

4:10 Stormwater Retention –During last month's back to back heavy rains; along with the sanitary sewer backups, there were areas that did not experience flooding problems. Denny Kief showed the retention areas in front of Menards where excess water drains. This was one of ten around the City.

4:15 Veteran's Drive (Court to Broadway) – drove on new constructed section of 5 lane highway. Denny Kief explained limited access, Allentown Road and California, and recommendation of 45 mph speed limit.

4:20 Lutticken's Cove was by-passed because of time

4:30 Hickory Hills – viewed new constructed homes and soon to be dedicated new Dirksen Congressional Center

4:45 Pekin Lake/ Monge Property – Mr. Kief explained where dredged materials from Pekin Lake would be pumped in area of Kennedy Lake where berms were already in place.

5:00 Return to City Hall

No action was taken by Council.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council move to Executive Session at 5:00 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining 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. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council adjourn. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk