PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021 AT 1:30 P.M.
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET PEKIN, ILLINOIS 61554

CALL TO ORDER
Chairman Orrick called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

PLEDGE
Justin Reeise led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL
Present: Committee Member Abel, and Chairman Lloyd Orrick were present for roll call. (note: Becky Cloyd had not been appointed as of date of meeting)

ALSO PRESENT: City Engineer Josie Esker, Engineering Technician Hannah Martin, Street/Solid Waste Division Brett Olson, Public Works Director Justin Reeise, and City Clerk Sue McMillan.

ALSO IN ATTENTANCE: Mayor Mark Luft, Council Member Becky Cloyd, Council Member Hohimer, Fire Chief Trent Reeise, Finance Director Bruce Marston, and City Manager Mark Rothert.

Because of time limitations of the City Manager, Chairman Orrick asked that the order of the agenda be changed for the Presentation of Preliminary Capital Plan as New Business item 1.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
Motion made by Committee Member Abel to approve the August 16, 2021 Agenda as amended, seconded by Chairman Orrick. Motion carried by voice vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion made by Committee Member Abel to approve the Committee minutes dated March 29, 2021, seconded by Chairman Orrick. Motion carried by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS
Presentation of Preliminary Capital Plan
City Manager Rothert distributed a draft dated 8-16-21 of the City of Pekin – Five Year Capital Improvement/Investment Plan. The comprehensive plan outlined Funding Sources FY22 through FY26 and Uses-year category, activity or program, and location. Mr. Rothert further explained the plan was a road map over the next 5 years and many of the expenses were a result of deferred maintenance A lot of work was now being done for the City and the community. There was not enough money to accomplish all activities listed and there would have to be priorities determined. He reported there existed a funding gap of approximately 3.8 million dollars with available funds. To address the gap the City would have to seek additional revenue streams. Without such revenues impacts or changes would take place with the investment into capital.

Suggestions made were:
Increase borrowing for projects; substantially less investment in road repair, sidewalks, storm sewer projects, sanitary sewer projects; less BDD Funds for other projects, defer replacement of Street Division dump trucks and Solid Waste Division waste trucks.
Also suggested were eliminating various projects:
Ladder Truck for Fire Department
Bus fencing project
Bus security gate project
Riverfront parking lot crack fill, sealing and striping
Airport Parking lot repaving project

A utility tax as a revenue source was described as a possible 3.5 to 4 million dollar source based on 5% of bill usage. Also a stormwater fee was discussed netting 1 million dollars annually. Chairman Orrick suggested getting the landlords involved in the process in order to have a utility tax more acceptable to the public.

Discussion of Trees within the Right-of-Way
Staff brought to the Committee's attention the time and expense of tree removal. Two larger storms had the Solid Waste and Street Department cleaning up limbs and using some over time to complete the removal set out by residents. Brett Olson noted over $125,000.00 would reduce the budget. Members discussed further the ownership and responsibility of trees in the right-of-way.
Chairman Orrick suggested the City provide a 50%/50% program for the removal of trees to mirror the City's sidewalk improvement program. He asked that information such as the program be placed on the City's utility billing.

Discussion of Sewer Laterals within the Right-of-Way
Committee members were informed that the street department has responded and has fixed residents' lateral issues to the City's main sewer. The cost to the City was estimated at $50,000 per year. A change to the code would be necessary to clarify the responsibility of sewer laterals within the right-of-way. Chairman Orrick asked that the staff return a plan to the committee for discussion.

PUBLIC INPUT/COMMENTS/QUESTIONS

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE SUB COMMITTEE

Motion by Committee Member Abel, seconded by Chairman Orrick to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 2:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
City Clerk
Sue E. McMillan