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PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY AUGUST 14, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by City of Pekin Explorers Chief Steven Miller, Sgt. Cody Sutter, Sgt. Robert Taylor, Explorer Ethan Venzon.

All Members were present for Roll Call. A quorum was declared.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:18 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	5:15 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	5:13 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	5:16 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:14 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:25 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	5:26 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes July 24, 2017**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

4.2. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jul 24, 2017 5:30 PM

PUBLIC INPUT

Bill Fleming addressed the Council on Busine item regarding moradorium on Parking downtown. He applied the Manager and the Traffic Safety Committee for their interesting in trying something new for the downtown businesses. His concern about parking lots being included in the moritorium were addressed. City Manager Tony Carson clatified that 2 hour parking restiction in City lots would not be enforced for the term of the resolution.

Jim Mangan questioned MFT Supplemental Resolution. He asked what the $103,800 was used for and if the money what already spent without Council approval.

John McNish asked Council to shift the money for Front Street further east for City streets. He stated he had traveled Front Street and felt semis could handle the road as is. He gave

approval to the purchase of tasers for the police and encourage Council to keep the needed officer at the High School.

Ann Witzig expressed her opinion that rehashing Court Street at this meeting was a waste of time. The item could have been scheduled for the public someother time. She had concerns that a lot of money was being spended for professional services for Front Street. She said to Council if they really cared about the City they would be more interested in making streets people drive a priority. She expressed her displeasurer with not recieving respnse to her concerns or answers to her questions.

Nora Lovell owner Peek In Pottery commented there would be some issues but she was happy to try unlimited parking though she favored zone parking. She felt parking on downtown streets was intended for customers.

COMMUNICATIONS

6.1. Recognition of the Police Department by the Illinois Association of Chief's of Police

John Gomoll representing the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police presented to Police Chief Dossey an award in recognition of the Pekin Police Department top 10 education and enforcement efforts in a Distractive Driver Campaign. The Chief informed the Council and Public that Stg. VonRohr developed a plan and approached local partners to help the PD educate the public in the dangers of distracted driving and alert them to enforcement activities. Pekin Insurance provided banners displayed by Avanti's Dome, Pekin High School, Buffalo Wild Wings, WalMart Circle K, and Dunkin Donuts. The week of April 24, 2017 through April 28, 2017 officers wrote 145 tickets addressing several violations, 72 specifically addressed distracted driving. Mr. Gomoll spoke to the Council on the dangers of distractive driving.

6.2. Recognition of Pekin Police Explorer Post 2400 - Illinois State Conference Competition

Police Chief Dossey gave recognition to Pekin Police Department Explorers for participating in the ILEEC at Lewis University in Romeoville, IL July 30, 2017 through August 4, 2017. Advisers Officer Ingles and Lt. Little attended with Explorers Chief Steven Miller. Sgt. Cody Sutter, Sgt. Robert Taylor, and Explorer Ethan Venzon. He noted the 5 awards brought back to Pekin by the participants as well as Officer Ingels in Advisor Bicycle Obstacle Course.

6.3. Presentation of Court Street Design Update

Representatives Kurt Bialobreski and Becca Wagner of Hanson Engineering Services, in a power Point presentation, provided the Council with Court Street update of the design status and master plan. The slides gave a short history of the agreement with IDOT for $30 million to construct Veterans and the exchange for Route 9 Court Street. The benefits of additional capacity, new zones for economic growth, more control over Court Street. City Engineer Michael Guerra and Hanson Engineers discussed with the Council moving forward to determine best use for rmaining $4 million; answered questions regarding 3 and 5 lanes sections; discussed 3 options for the remaining money, Valle Vista to Veterans, Parkway/Court Intersection; Signal at Stadium Drive; utility pole replacement. Council was encouraged to develop an Implementation Plan to leverage funding opportunities for corridor segments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor McCabe read and presented three items for consideration of the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

Tazewell County Animal Control - July 2017

Liquor Commission Minutes - June 22, 2017

Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes - July 2017

7.1. Tazewell County Animal Control - July 2017

7.2. Liquor Commission Minutes dated June 22, 2017

7.3. Traffic Safety Committee Approved Meeting Minutes - July 2017

7.4. Motion to: **Motion to approve the Consent Agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

NEW BUSINESS

8.1. Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Support Request

Council was provided a letter from Executive Director Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce Bill Fleming requesting continuation of the annual financial support of the organization in the amount of $14,000. The amount was the same requested for the last three years. Mr. Fleming spoke of the benefits of membership: business and community leaders' connections; leadership development; quality of life events; community resources for visitors, prospective businesses and potential new residents; representation on local and regional committees and organizations; and collaboration with the City on projects and issues to benefit the community. The Chamber also lobbies locally, in Springfield and DC on issues on behalf of and in partnership with the City - example the Transportation Committee.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [6 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	Michael Garrison

8.2. Amend the Engineering Agreement with Hanson for the Front Street

City Engineer Michael Guerra requested the Council's approval of a second amendment to the original 2013 engineering agreement with Hanson Professional Services for the Front Street Development studies. The amendment would allow Hanson to prepare final plans and contract documents for the improvements. With completion of the design the City would be able to seek grant funding from the State and Federal levels. Applications for funding were already initiated. Mr. Guerra advised the Council that the industries located in the corridor had experienced growth to facilities along Front, Distillery Roads, and Fayette. Along with the benefit to the City there was additional stress to over stressed roads. The planned improvements included converting the entire section back to two way traffic, addition of curb and gutters, storm sewer for improved drainage, and widening to maximum extent. Mr. Guerra next

responded to the Council's questions, concerns, and comments. Council Member Luft expressed concern that the $600,000 could be better spent on residential streets. Discussion was regarding the safety issue; Fayette Street deterioration; the need to be shovel ready for seeking grants along with the already support of CHS, ICP, Aventine. To the question of contacting the drivers for input, Mr. Guerra responded that discussions with merchandisers at two of the companies had indicated drivers were calling in if there was a wait to unload and would move on to a different grain facility. Council Member Abel reported that ICP had purchased Pacific Ethanol. Mayor McCabe advised that the City had already invested staff time into a Traffic Study, environmental Report.

Council Member Luft asked that additional time be given so Council could consider the additional information discussed and moved to table the Amendment to the Hanson Engineering Agreement.

RESULT:	**TABLED [6 TO 1]**
	Next: 8/28/2017 5:30 PM
MOVER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe
NAYS:	John P Abel

8.3. 1198 : Resolution No. 63 MFT Resolution for Front Street Design

Consideration of the resolution to utilize MFT funding not needed in as much as the Hanson Agreement was tabled. The Mayor moved to the next item of business. The resolution was coded as tabled by the Clerk.

RESULT:	**TABLED [0 TO 0]**
	Next: 8/28/2017 5:30 PM
AWAY:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.4. 1199 : Resolution No. 62 Supplemental MFT Resolution 14-00000-01-GM

Council was requested to adopt Resolution No. 62-17/18 the utilization of MFT Funding in the amount of $103,800.00 to meet IDOT requirement that expenditures be approved by resolution amounts. The supplemental was needed to balance the total expenditures of MFT fund in fiscal year 2015 allowing the close of the project with IDOT.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.5. Resolution No. 61-17/18 City of Pekin Downtown Two Hour Parking Restriction Moratorium

Council was advised at the request of the City Manager and in agreement after meeting with a majority of the owners and operators of downtown businesses, with the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to implement a moratorium on parking. The moritorium on the downtown business district area eliminated the 2-hour parking restiction for the entire area including sidestreets included in the business district area and did not apply to parking lots. During the 6 month time period beginning September 1, 2017 and ending February 28, 2018, the business owners and managers would evaluate the benefits and

detriments to making an open parking setup and report back to the Traffic Safety Committee. If there were permanent changes different than current ordinance, they would be brought to Council as a recommendation from the TSC.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.6. Request to Purchase Tasers

Police Chief Dossey requested Council's approval to spend previously approve funds to purchase 10 tasers, holsters, batteries and warranty in the amount of $14,154.06. The taser provided a less than lethal option for the officers when confronted with a violent suspect. AXON/Taser was the sole source for the less lethal product.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.7. Agreement Between Pekin Community High School District 303 Agreement for School Resource Officer

Police Chief Dossey advised the Council that the City had an ongoing relationship with Pekin Community High School District 303 for a School Resource Officer. The High School Board and the Police Department believed having an officer trained and available for juvenile justice programs improved the safety of the students, staff and general public and also deterred juvenile crime. The Chief explained the City's share of shared cost of the liaison officer with District 303 was $52,273.35 (included benefits).

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

8.8. Intergovernmental Agreement by and between The Illinois Office of the Comptroller and The City of Pekin Regarding Access to The Comptroller's Local Debt Recovery Program

The Police Chief next recommended the approval of the I-DROP agreement with the State through the Comptroller's Office. The agreement would assist the City's recovery in gaining revenue from unpaid fees and fines for parking tickets and other fines/fees that remain unpaid to the City. He advised that the utilization of the program was part of the plan related to the Efficiency Study related to technology use as it related to e-ticketing and adjudication.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Linda Harmon thanked the Council Members that had come to the Vista Grande stormwater runoff issue and the two that had not yet reviewed the site in question. She provided for the Council additional photos on a cd. She explained she had spent an estimated $10,000 in repairs and that this year the neighbors contacted Dave Burling to prepare ditches. She distributed to the Council copies of expenses for digging, seeding, new fence, etc. She asked Council for financial relief from the City and to see fit to put in the budget the $200,000 that was indicated it would take to correct the matter. Lynette Hunt asked the Council to keep the drainage issue in the for front to correct. Steve Schroeder supported the residents pleas to get the water problem fixed. He asked that Council see that issues with the Council meetings getting started and Council being able to vote get fixed.

John McNish pointed out that there were lots of weeds around the new retention area on Derby Street and suggested the Council get a crew out to clean up the City owned property.

Ann Witzig questioned if the deadline was up in North Pekin Agreement settlement.

Jim Mangan voice concern on the legality of seating Council Member Schramm and his interest in the Liquor License issued to Yesterday's Bar and Grill, Inc. He described the missing Liquor Commission minutes as intentional, illegal and deceptive. Mr. Mangan asked for an investigation and immediate censure of the Liquor Commissioner.

City Manager Carson explained to Council and the public the process of the May budget for contruction and resurfacing of the roads only allows for moving to design after a budget is approved. This lends to actual work sometimes into September and October which were not ideal. Next year would like to begin design work done in the winter and be able to do work in the summer.

Attorney Burt Dancey advised the Council that Mr. Mangan's continual misinformation regarding Council Member Schramm's position or cover-ups were completely wrong in the pasted. They were wrong tonight.

Council Members wished Council Member Ritchason much success in his new Youth Ministry career.

Council Member Abel indicated the dirt was being moved for the location of a new Hampton Inn Hotel. Council was told the construction was just waiting for the approval of the Enterprise Zone application from the State of Illinois.

Council Member Orrick stated he would much rather see the $1.4 million loan proceeds intended for stormwater matters on Derby Street, Broadway Farms, and 14th Street guard rail be used for fixing Vista Grande stormwater runoff flooding. He asked that the business be placed on the next agenda to re-prioritize. Council Member Schramm agreed with Council Member Orrick

City Engineer Mike Guerra reported that the N.P. settlement was moving forward.

Mayor McCabe made his special recognitions for events and fundraiser throughout the community and noted the success of those that had happened. Next Special City Council would be held on Monday, August 21, 2017 at 5:00 p.m.

ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Mayor McCabe adjourned the

meeting at 8:15 p.m.