
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR 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 MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Mackaman.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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.

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 24, 2006 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Public Input on Agenda Items

There were no comments received.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda.

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** Police, Fire, Traffic Safety, Tazewell County Animal Control, Electrical Commission, and Airport
2. Charitable Solicitation: Disabled American Veterans FORGET ME NOT DRIVE August 25-26, 2006

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **CONSENT AGENDA BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED**. Com'r. Blanchard noted in the recording of the Traffic Safety Committee minutes that Chief Lauss had not attended the last two meetings. He suggested that the fire department stay represented at those meetings by sending an alternate fireman. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

**ORDINANCE NO. 2486-06/07
AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT FIVE-YEAR DIGITAL SERVICE AGREEMENTS BETWEEN
GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS AND THE CITY OF PEKIN FIRE STATION 1
(EAST SIDE); CITY OF PEKIN FIRE STATION 2 (NORTH SIDE); CITY OF PEKIN
FIRE STATION 3 (SOUTH SIDE); CITY OF PEKIN CITY HALL AND CITY OF PEKIN
PUBLIC PROPERTIES**

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2486-06/07, be adopted. Council was informed that the ordinance authorized SHDSL upgrade to the computer network. Each service agreement was at a cost of \$149.00 per month (\$745.00 per month for five locations), which translated to \$44,700 for the life of the contracts. Presently the City was paying \$960 a month. This represented a cost savings of \$215 a month. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2487-06/07
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 5, CHAPTER 1A, SECTION 3-3 F. 1.
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING PRICE FOR PURCHASE OF LITTER CONTAINERS

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 2487-06/07, be adopted. Public Properties Director, Greg Ranney, informed Council that when the price of resin and the toter cost went up, the department did not want to sell the containers for less than it cost the City. The price was increased from \$45.00 and the City currently charges \$50.00 for a 95-gallon toter. The action would bring the Code in compliance with the charge. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A256-06/07
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING AUTHORIZED STOP SIGNS

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Ordinance No. 1462-A256-06/07, be adopted. The action, recommended by the Traffic Safety Committee, provided for the addition to the master listing of authorized stop signs at the following locations:

Control	On Street	At or From	Direction
Stop	Oakridge Avenue	S. Twelfth Street	West
Stop	Remington Road	Gingoteague Way	North
Stop	Highwood Avenue	North Lake Drive	East-West
Stop	North Lake Drive	Highwood Avenue	South
Stop	Autumn Ridge Drive	North Lake Drive	West

Com'r. Blanchard questioned a sign was not listed at the end of Remington and was informed that all streets automatically stop at through streets. Fourteenth Street is a listed through street. Com'r. Jones spoke in support of the three way stop on Highwood at the entrance to a new subdivision, Sunset Lake Estates. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Mayor Mackaman then explained that he would next hear Any Other Business Before the Council prior to a Scribner's error on the agenda, which listed Executive Session as the following item of business.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Mackaman informed the public that the audio issue of the Council meetings being aired on Channel 22 had been addressed but not resolved.

He also informed Council that within the next 8 weeks he would place on an agenda for discussion expanding the number of Council, members. The topic was a priority of An Effective Government section of the Conceptual Plan. Corporation Counsel was directed to prepare a memo listing the legalities, options and timetables available to expand the size of the Council from five to seven members.

Com'r. Dagit commended the Towerline Speedway for the program they have to alert teen drivers of the danger in driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol. Fatal vision goggles, which simulate impaired sight, were used when operating the go-carts. Com'r. Maddox also described his positive experience.

Recognition was given for the well planned and presented Riverfront Art Fair held over the weekend. The event ran in conjunction with the dedication of the memorial of the Sinking of the Columbia. Sympathy was extended to the relatives of the last survivor, Lucille Adcock 106, who died shortly after the event took place. Com'r. Jones felt the event was a true example of the riverfront's intended use.

Com'r. Jones questioned the City Manager Dennis Kief on how soon Council would need to schedule Budget meetings. It was anticipated that the Personnel Plan and the 5-Year Capital Plan would be completed at the end of September with Budget review following in October.

Com'r. Blanchard sought Council's consensus in directing the Manager to proceed with contacting a firm that would review the information on creating a Derby Street TIF in the boundaries of Southside. Com'r. Dagit concurred if the Park District and School Districts were contacted and were supportive and if he were informed of the mechanism that would be used to bring back value in the blighted area. Com'r. Jones recommended a Brownfield, Rosedale Subdivision, be considered for an industrial park. Com'r. Maddox supported examining possibilities and facts for a TIF District. The Manager was given direction to pursue. The cost was estimated at \$25,000. Mr. Kief stated he would fine tune boundaries and report back to Council in 30 days

Com'r. Blanchard asked the Manager the status of a request for an audit of the \$550,000 accounting discrepancy. Council was told the draft for RFPs that he and Treasurer Charles Renner composed would be fine tuned and presented in two weeks.

Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner advised Council and the public to expect delays when traveling on Court Street. The 20 working day project had begun for patching, milling, and paving from Audubon to Olt Avenue.

Greg Ranney reported on the sale of toters, which would be mandatory on September 1, 2006. He explained residents that have not purchased a toter or are not presently in compliance would have a sticker reminder attached to the can.

David Sorenson 1503 South Capitol Street expressed his opinion regarding actions of a City employee in removing a dead tree from his street.

George Psinas 1305 Florence requested financial settlement regarding an incident involving damage to a Lawn Boy mover by Solid Waste Department.

Wes Lannert 1208 South 18th Street addressed Council on the matter of Lake Arlan. He requested that Council pursue the source of contamination for final resolution. Mr. Lannert was informed that the City continues to test samples and televise storm sewers.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star* and *Pekin Daily Time* were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Executive Session

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:20 P.M. to discuss: Threatened Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

The Council returned to open session. No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:57 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk