
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, HENDRICKS, MCCABE, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, AND BARRA

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Gillespie, that **the agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 22, 2013 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Barra; Abstain, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Fire Department June Report and Tazewell County Animal Control July Report.
7.2 Resolution No. 78-13/14 – Mayor’s Appointment of Mack Cakora to the Economic Development Advisory Committee to fill the expired term of Patrick Oberle until May 2016.
7.3 Receive and File Qualifications for Phase Two Engineering for the Veterans Drive Extension From Sheridan Road to Fisher Road.
7.4 Proclamation: “Duck Race Month” August 2013 - Center For Prevention of Abuse.
7.5 Approve Agency Agreement with Illinois Department of Transportation and Genesee & Wyoming Railroad.

The Mayor read and presented the Proclamation “Duck Race Month” to attendees for the Center For the Prevention of Abuse. Martha Herm, Executive Director for the Center For Prevention of Abuse informed the Council of the services provided residents of Pekin providing safety and support to victims. She encouraged the community to support the 25th Anniversary fundraiser. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Gillespie, that the **AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION for funding the Local Share for the Rehabilitation of the West Apron Airport Project be approved**. City Engineer Michael Guerra advised the Council that the IDOT agreement provided the terms of participation in the Airport Improvement Program for the local share funding of the west apron project. Council had concurred with the State in awarding the bid to R.A. Cullinan & Son, Inc. at the meeting of July 22, 2013. The project also had a second

funding source from a federal entitlement program, making the City share \$37,900.00 (7.33%) of the \$515,400.00 project costs. Council Member Hendricks questioned if the agreement locked the City into an extended 20 year agreement for airport obligations. On roll call vote, Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Barra; Nay, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member McCabe that the **AGREEMENT WITH PEKIN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 303 for Police Liaison Officer be approved**. Deputy Chief Baxter recommended approval of the ongoing relationship to provide an officer at the high school. Council was advised that the City's ½ share for 176 days was \$42,521.50 which included benefits. Council Members generally spoke in support of the program for improving the safety of the students. Council Member Golden was advised that the notation in the agreement for an "Exhibit A" was page 6 and 7 of the document titled Job Description. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Barra welcomed Council Member Hendricks back from his visit to Africa. Council Member Hendricks apologized to the residents for not being able to attend the meetings electronically due to the inconsistent phone reception. He questioned the safety of the retention area along the new section of Hanna Drive in Deerfield Estates. City Engineer Michael Guerra informed the Council that the area that had turned into a pond would be addressed. A layer of clay prevented the water from draining completely. The contractor would be called back at no extra charge.

Council Member Gillespie asked for timing for the opening of the new section of Veterans Drive. It was reported the contractor was finishing the center lane and removing the islands on Broadway. Sheridan Road would be paved Thursday and opened August 17, 2013. Opening of Veterans Drive was anticipated for mid September.

Council Member Orrick shared with the Council that he had received calls concerning the proposed Annual Seal Coat Project. He asked that in the future notices be sent to the residents of the streets anticipated in the program prior to bidding the project. City Engineer Michael Guerra again explained to Council and the residents present from the Deerfield Estates area the process and results for maintaining the life of the 10 year old streets. He advised studies have shown chip seal can pump the life of the street from 25 to 32 years by sealing in the top layer. Discussion followed. Council Member Golden spoke of the negatives of the process. He asked if there was a study available on the wear and tear and life expectancy on tires utilizing these streets. and the repercussions to the storm sewers. He voiced concern for motorcycle riders and children on bikes. Council Member Gillespie noted the chips and oil were an inconvenience but asked that Mr. Guerra explain any alternatives. Mike noted there were reductions in MFT funding, keeping the City from milling and overlaying.

Council Member Golden expressed his concern of a photo published in the local Pekin Times depicting "Shop with a Cop" but not in a Pekin store. He was told the donation is given by the Target retail chain to be used at their stores. The East Peoria was the closest location. Council Member Golden next question the status of the approved downtown TIF improvement to CJ's Café windows in light of hearing the building had been sold. Discussion followed on the repayment intent of the wording in the program agreement "cessation of business operation" meaning total due from borrower or sign-off by purchaser. Mayor Barra stated the requirements would be researched.

City Engineer Michael Guerra reported that lanes would be restricted to traffic for Broadway at Veterans and that Sheridan at Broadway would be open on Saturday. He also noted the traffic work taking place at the railroad crossing at Washington/Third and Broadway/Third Street

City Manager Joseph Wuellner reported to Council that the recycling drop-off at McDonald's lower Court Street location would officially close at the end of August. He advised that glass could be taken to Midland Davis location on 2nd Street. He also advised that West Campus Development Corporation was notified to appear at Code Violation Hearing scheduled for Thursday. The corporation would have 30 days to rectify the demolition debris clean-up order, 35 days to appeal if not cleaned up, and on the 36th day the City would start the cleanup process and place a lien on the property.

Mayor Barra shared with the council and public that she met with Senator Dick Durbin and others and that he seemed pleased with Pekin's actions and readiness to secure the addition to the federal prison facilities.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, addressed the Council regarding his request for the City to follow the language in the Hotel/Motel tax code in reference to audit of establishments' sales tax records. He felt the City should not rely on reports to the State for accuracy of the amounts due the City but rather do surprise visits and demand records.

Amanda Taylor, 1119 South Capitol Street and Jim Matthews, 1115 South Capitol Street, requested Council's help in getting the property at 1117 South Capitol Street cleaned up. In representing the surrounding neighbors, they reported the grass had been mowed only once. The bushes had completely obscured the front of the house and were growing on to the adjacent residences. They spoke of health and safety hazards of animals, West Nile virus, roof collapsing, etc. Mayor Barra stated that the records of the owner, lending institution, and property foreclosure or abandoned would be researched. Staff was directed to report back in 2 weeks.

Marvin Spiczka, 1709 Whitetail Drive, and other representatives of Deerfield Estates, addressed the Council with their opposition to the proposed streets in their subdivision for the City seal coat project. Howard Stanton, Paul Maughan and Bob Burress, expressed the neighbors' concerns that chips and oil application damaged vehicles and lawns. They felt it was unsafe for children on bikes.

Brandon Dentino, 2675 Allentown Road, addressed the Council regarding abandon houses throughout the City. He told the Council something needs to be done about them.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Golden, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) Acquisition of Property (11) Litigation and (1) Personnel. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

Council returned to open session. No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:25 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk