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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 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, STRAND, KORTKAMP, JONES AND DUNN

ABSENT: NONE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor R. David Tebben.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 28, 2008 be approved as written.** Mayor Tebben asked that attention be given corrections indicated in advance by the Clerk. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police July Report, Liquor Commission Minutes dated June 26, 2008, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated July 11, 2008 and August 1, 2008, and Building Report

2. **Charitable Solicitations:** Jed St. Cin – cans at businesses for medical. funeral, educational fund
   Pekin Lil' Lettes Tag Days August 30, 2008 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
   Pekin Metro Soccer Club Tag Days August 10, 2008

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

City Manager Dennis Kief reported to Council on the escalating **MUNICIPAL PRICE INDICES** negative impact on day-to-day City operations. In a slide presentation he referred to the July issue of the Illinois Municipal League Review article advising of rising fuel costs and related products. The inflationary pressures affect on municipal departments in planning budgets, especially important in public safety and streets departments, was discussed. MPI at 4.5% was higher than Consumer Price Index at 4.1%. Other indices, oil at + 83%, energy + 45% and insurance +34% , reflect unplanned for expenditures when revenue sources have become flat. Retail sales tax, house values, motor fuel tax are down. While looking at much needed capital projects and working on the FY 2010 Budget it was imperative that difficult decisions be made in budgetary planning. The Manager reported that staff was working on department budgets and that a preliminary would be submitted to Council in September. The Treasurer would be reporting on investments for first three months of fiscal year at the next Council meeting.

Comments were received from Council Members. Mayor Tebben indicated that staff had been relentless in looking for ways to reduce expenses, make cuts, and suggest revenue sources. There would be difficult fiscal responsibilities facing the Council in the coming months.

Council was updated on the **SEWER TREATMENT PLANT EXPANSION PROJECT** by Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner, Director of Fleet Operations/Wastewater Treatment Plant David Pagliaro, and Lead Man Wastewater Treatment Plant Joe Yavorshak. Mr. Pagliaro summarized accomplishments that took place at the plant since August 2005 when the operation was taken back in-house:

- New generator and transfer switch
- Rebuilt existing generator
- Operations without excursions
- Estimated $300,000 saved over contract operations

Photos of existing digester, generators, grit trap, bar screens, headworks, pump station, sludge equipment / buildings and location layout improvements were presented.

Mr. Wuellner then briefed Council on the upgrade and/or replacement of equipment for the planned expansion project that would support the city's growth. From slides, he presented the existing facility structural profile and the hydraulic, above flood stage, improvement elevation. He indicated that Phase I was submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency with expected approval in 60-90 days. Council's questions and comments were addressed. Phase I funding reserved for approximately $3 million dollars. Phase II anticipated at $12-15 million.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **AGREEMENT WITH GALLATIN RIVER COMMUNICATIONS L.L.C. FOR PHONE SERVICE RENEWALS FOR A TERM OF 5 YEARS**, be approved. Mr. Kief recommended renewing the contract service agreement with CenturyTel, provider of local phone service only, for City ISDN, PRI, Point to Point, and Centrex Lines. He reported savings would net a minimum of $354/month or at least 15% over the current monthly charges. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A272 – 08/09</u>

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON MEYERS COURT AT SOUTH 12TH STREET

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Ordinance No. 1462-A272 –08/09 be adopted. Chairman of Traffic Safety Committee Joe Wuellner stated the members had received a request and after review recommended stop signs be placed on Meyers Court at South 12th Street to be consistent with the neighborhood traffic flow. Council was told traffic used 12th Street as a through Street but two members of the committee felt signs were not to be used to reduce speed. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Blanchard, Kortkamp, Abel, Dunn, Tebben; Nay, Jones. Motion Carried.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A273 – 08/09</u>

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTION 9 OF THE TRAFFIC CODE AUTHORIZING STOP SIGNS ON CASEY DRIVE (note – spelling is Kacy)

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Ordinance No. 1462-A273 –08/09 be adopted. Mr. Wuellner reported that TSC had discussed increased activity of a new County subdivision that feeds onto City-maintained McNaughton Road. For safety of residents and the public entering the Park, the committee recommended stopping traffic on Casey (note-Kacy) Drive. On roll call vote, present voted Aye**.**

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A274 – 08/09</u>

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1 D OF THE TRAFFIC CODE AUTHORIZING NO PARKING SCHEDULE AMENDMENT FOR PARK AVENUE

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that Ordinance No. 1462-A274 –08/09 be adopted. Mr. Wuellner advised that at the time of the Park Avenue 14th Street Intersection Improvement consisting of a turn lane on Park Avenue, a decision was made to restrict parking on the north side from Court to 14th Street to allow parking for the residents on the south. After review it was recommended to also restrict parking on the north side to 2 hours. Council Member Blanchard indicated he would be in opposition after speaking to the nine households that would be affected in that a hardship would be placed on them. Council questioned the necessity of duration and days proposed. Deputy Chief Miller advised that traffic enforcement checks indicated employees of the Hospital were occupying the parking instead of the designated lots and available parking for the Sunken Gardens was limited. On roll call vote, Ayes, Jones, Strand, Kortkamp, Abel; Nays, Blanchard, Dunn, and Tebben. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 51 – 08/09

RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE STATE HIGHWAY CODE APPROPRIATING MFT FUNDING FOR SHERIDAN ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Resolution No. 51–08/09 be adopted. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner requested the appropriation of $55,000.00 from Motor Fuel Tax line item for funding. The Engineering Agreement with Maurer-Stutz for the Project Development Report of the new Sheridan Road Bridge project was approved in July. Because of the scope of the work he recommended appropriating $55,000.00 for the $50,040.00 report. On roll call vote, present voted Aye**.**

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Strand questioned the authority given to an organization observed asking for donations at the entrances to local businesses. City Clerk Sue McMillan explained the provisions of the Code and that any charitable, philanthropic, religious, solicitation required Council approved under Consent Agenda. Organizations or individual fund-raising efforts often did not comply.

Council Member Blanchard advocated safety awareness during school opening next week.

Mayor Tebben reported that he, the Manager, and the Treasurer attended one of the open house forum that was presented by the City of Peoria on their Budget. Observations were there was good turnout of elected officials, departments, the press, and residents who were knowledgeable on the figures presented. First meeting was presenting historical data. It was suggested by the Mayor and Manager that the City of Pekin try such an approach to inform the public of the budget figures. Possible "Town Hall" locations, Moose, SBA, City Hall could also include feedback on restricted parking on proposed streets.

Mayor Tebben conveyed compliments that were received from the public on the completion of the Broadway Parkway Intersection project.

Director of Solid Waste Greg Ranney announced that glass would be included in the recycling program beginning with the collection in two weeks. To avoid broken glass injuries he recommended using a paper bag in the recycling bin as a precautionary measure.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:30 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of Municipally Owned Property and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, and Litigation. when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Tebben called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk