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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 10, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY L. DUNN, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, BARRA, STRAND, AND SCHMIDGALL

ABSENT: SUE ANN KORTKAMP

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

Roll was called. Present were Council Members Abel, Blanchard, Barra, Strand, and Dunn. Council Members Schmidgall and Kortkamp were absent.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Blanchard, Barra, Strand and Dunn.

Council Member Schmidgall entered the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 27, 2009 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Keith Gleason, 7101 North Allen Road, Peoria, addressed the Council regarding the Teamster contracts presented. As representative for Local Union No. 627, he stated that in negations it was made clear that the City expenditures and revenues had constraints. With Council support, the Manager was prepared to budget $350,000 for greater employee participation toward health insurance expenditures. Mr. Gleason stated the teamster bargaining representatives proposed a program that had equal to or better benefits for employees and that would save the City the entire amount plus did not increase the employee contribution. Mr. Gleason expressed appreciation for consideration of the ratified contracts and requested Council Members to approve the presented agreements.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

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

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Fire Department Report for July, June, and Summary of May.

2. **Charitable Solicitation:** "Pekin Lil' Lettes "Tag Day" September 5th, 2009
   "Pekin Amateur Hockey Association "Tag Days"
   September 18and 19, 2009.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Director of Public Works Joe Wuellner presented a department report on current stormwater sewer maintenance and monitoring. The Environmental Protection Agency has ruled that City requirements be responsive to technology changes and improvements. The following were outlined as matters to be addressed:

- Establish fulltime crew at an estimated $800,000
- Prioritize goals and projects
- Establish funding mechanism

Failure on issues of compliance would result in EPA Notices of Violation, monetary fines and penalties, and increased oversight. Mr. Wuellner advised that the Public Works department had taken a proactive approach in street sweeping, documenting and repairing inlets. Council's questions were then addressed. Council Member Blanchard requested more information be given to him on startup of a new department and comparison figures of contracting the program verses dedicating part-time employees to the task of clearing inlets and removing debris from ditches.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2592-09/10

AUTHORIZING LOAN AGREEMENT-WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN PROGRAM-HOME RULE ENTITY

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **Ordinance No. 2592-09/10** be adopted.
Public Works Director Joe Wuellner advised the Council that the application documents of the program for ARRA Projects was the loan agreement process to position the City for funding to cover the costs of the much needed Wastewater Phase 1 Treatment Plant upgrades. During the design and permit approval review, the guidelines had changed, increasing the costs. The ordinance would demonstrate the Council's support and commitment to the estimated $9,886,300.00 project which would be supplemented by the Federal EPA Grant received in 2006. It was recommended money from the Sewer Fund be committed to repay the 20 year low interest rate loan. Discussion followed on the plants inability to handle increasing loads, maintenance costs, and inefficient processing of sewage. Council Member Blanchard felt that Council had not heard how the complete project would be paid for and expressed concern that he was not supportive of the extend of the upgrades that had been presented. Council Member Strand called the question and on roll call vote the vote was as follows: Ayes, Schmidgall, Strand, Barra, Abel, and Dunn; Nay, Blanchard. Motion Carried.

City Manger Dennis Kief summarized each of the next 5 items of business that were interrelated and recommended each of the agreements be approved to the Council. He indicated five year agreements were reached with three groups of the Teamsters. Important issues were wages and health insurance. Council's direction of 2% wage increases and significant employee contributions in heath insurance were countered with Local Union No. 627 offering teamster plan managed by Central States to all bargaining unit employees and all non-bargaining employees. The program and wages were agreeable, being as good as or better than City partially self-funded health plan, expense less than budgeted, minimal paid by employee, leaving salaries resolved at 2.5% - 3% - 2.5% .

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **INSURANCE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT IN CENTRAL STATES, SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST AREAS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND TEAMSTER REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES,** be approved. The City Manager advised that the City proposed a supplemental plan for prescriptions to enhance the comparability of the pharmacy benefits. The plan offered predictable costs for three years and retiree coverage. Council Member Strand reiterated her belief that significant increases in employee participation in health costs were required. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Barra, Blanchard, Schmidgall, and Dunn; Nay, Strand. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **INSURANCE PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT NON-TEAMSTER REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES IN CENTRAL STATES, SOUTHEAST AND SOUTHWEST AREAS HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND WITH NON-TEAMSTER REPRESENTED EMPLOYEES,** be approved. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Barra, Blanchard, Schmidgall, and Dunn; Nay, Strand. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL UNION NO. 627 GENERAL EMPLOYEE UNIT EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2009-APRIL 30, 2014,** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL UNION NO. 627 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2009-MARCH 31, 2014,** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL UNION NO. 627 STREET DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2009-MARCH 31, 2014,** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **RECYCLING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH TAZEWELL COUNTY,** be approved. Council heard from the Director of Solid Waste that for the 16th year the County would provide a grant in the amount of $67,000 to be used for the costs of operating the recycling program and recycling education. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Mayor Dunn congratulated the winner of the Miss Marigold Contest, Diane Jest, at which he performed the duty of master of ceremonies. The Mayor announced the Wind Symphony Orchestra event on Friday, August 14, 2009 at the riverfront. He encouraged residents to participate and to host homes to individual musicians still in need of housing.

Council Member Blanchard asked the Council and staff to keep in their thoughts the wife of Bill Gilroy who was recovering from a serious medical operation. He also stated for the record that at no time at the previous meeting did he say that he was neither supportive nor opposed to the proposal from the owner of Towerline Speedway for the City to finance his purchase of the Dragons Dome. His intention was for Council and staff to allow Mr. Hymbaugh to be heard on his business plan.

Council Member Abel advised other members that he was receiving quite a few phone calls from concerned taxpayers on weed control. He asked that staff pursue the enforcement of the code for weed violations that has been published in the newspapers.

City Manager Dennis Kief reported that he would not be announcing at this meeting his intentions to name an interim Fire Chief that will assume the job duties of retiring Chief Chuck Lauss.

Director Greg Ranney announced that the City would be providing transportation to the Riverfront for Friday night's community event from the Pekin Park Arena lot from 5:30-7:30 p.m. He also requested for the safety of the solid waste drivers that recycled glass be placed in a separate bag from the plastic in the red bins for pickup to avoid breakage. Cardboard boxed needed to be broken-down also.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:44 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. Threatened Litigation. and 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:22 P.M.
Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk