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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, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: NONE

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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 Hendricks, 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 Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of August 25, 2014 be approved as written.** Council Member Golden requested it be clarified and noted in the minutes that he did not give approval to the direction of Mr. Guerra to proceed with the work at the Wastewater Treatment Plant prior to a written change order vote from Council. Council Member McCabe indicated that the information presented at the previous meeting for a substantial change to the contract was unofficial and no vote was taken. Council Member Golden made the motion to amend the minutes as noted by him, seconded by Council Member McCabe. On roll call vote Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Hendricks; Present, Mayor Barra. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 25, 2014 be approved as amended. On roll call vote Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Hendricks; present, Mayor Barra. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS
Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, complimented the Council on the meeting of August 25, 2014. He noted the members worked as a group, listened to the public comments, and answered the questions presented. Mr. Bramham submitted a typed copy of his verbal comments for the record.

CONSENT AGENDA
Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote. Council Member McCabe, referring to the Liquor Commission minutes questioned that the public was only represented by two members. He asked that the Liquor Commissioner consider reconfiguring the makeup of its voting members.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Liquor Commission Minutes Dated June 26, 2014 and Human Rights Commission Minutes Dated July 23, 2014.
7.2 Proclamation: "Intellectual Disabilities Week" Knights of Columbus September 21-27, 2014.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
FIRST QUARTER ENDING JULY 31, 2014 FINANCIAL REPORT
TREASURER JAMES WOLF provided 4 reports of which he highlighted numbers he focused in his summary. The reports presented Year to Date (YTD) actual, YTD budget and previous budget YTD.

REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES:

- general fund results were above budget due in large part from the collection of the first installment of property taxes.
- Included first collection of garbage fees which bodes well for the future
- School bus expenditures higher due to annual lease payment
- Sewer fund reflect rising fee structure for increasing dept repayment
- Airport operation showed almost breakeven result
- Economic development revenue included loan payment from Cullinan
- Vehicle maintenance shows smaller loss since fuel sale is sole activity (other activity moved to individual departments

MAJOR REVENUE SOURCES:

- Though there was a small increase in the overall tax levy, general fund property tax dropped as result of increases allocated to the police and fire pension tax levies
- August sales tax finally surpassed 2013 after 10 months of being down over previous year results
- Video gaming income continued to climb
- Fess for sewer and school bus fund reflect timing delays

INVESTMENT EARNINGS:

- Receiving .84% average on investments / 2010 paying 1.23%
- Report reflected annual payment from developer of an economic development project

Hendricks and Abel noted to those that wanted to abandon Home Rule that there was quite a bit of revenues resulting from Home Rule tax dollars. Council Member Golden requested that a breakout of Architect/Engineer costs be added to the next 3 month report. Council Member Golden was told that presently there were no continued discussions with Illinois American Water Company regarding a franchise.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 106-14/15

APPROPRIATION OF MOTOR FUEL TAX AND
ANNUAL JOINT PPUATS FUNDING AGREEMENT

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Resolution No. 106-14/15 be adopted. City Engineer Michael Guerra presented the Annual FY 2014 Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study Funding Agreement for approval and the resolution appropriating MFT funds in the amount of $11,948.02. He advised the Council of the financial impact that belonging to the organization through Tri-County Regional Planning Commission, played in receiving State and Federal dollars for numerous road projects such as Veterans Drive. Mayor Barra spoke in favor of the financial benefit of the membership. Council Member Golden questioned how the City, as far as planning of the road projects and paperwork for funding were handled prior the PPUATS relationship. Mr. Guerra advised that membership was a requirement of Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPO) to regulate the federal allocation of dollars prior to the 90’s. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Hendricks asked that iTV-3 franchise be checked in respect for requirement to reach coverage. He also had received concerns from citizens and developers that had received charges for wastewater and/or garbage but did not have water service or collection.

Council Member McCabe noted the police department program to draw attention to locking your auto in parking lots showed a decline in stolen items. Mr. McCabe stated he felt this Council meeting was conducted just as smooth as the last meeting. Council Member Abel informed the Council of the positive comments he received during the Marigold Festival that Pekin was a clean, safe community. Mayor Barra thanked the Marigold Festival Committee for the boost to the community from the festival. Council Member Gillespie was given a progress report on the Sheridan Road bridge project completion. Council Member Orrick encouraged the community to attend the rescheduled Family Food Fest and Talent Show downtown. Council Member Orrick noted the success of the new Downtown Diversity Festival. City Engineer Michael Guerra addressed Council Member Golden’s question regarding the bridge construction that there was a no-cost change order to extend the project 8 days with accruing liquidated damages. Council Member Golden corrected a newspaper article that reported on his suggestion for rumble strips on South 10th Street.

Josh Barnet, 1004 Oxford, thanked the TSC for the great experience attending their last meeting.

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, advised the Council that there was a sign at 304 Sheridan Road that has remained for months on the property but the size did not conform to the provisions of the City Code. He felt he was discriminated against when he was forced to remove a sign in his yard.

Ann Witzig,11501 Antioch Road, Tremont, asked the Council if they abide by the law to the best of their knowledge. She expressed concern of wording of the Library bid that bids could be rejected. She did not want the library asking for more than $6 million dollars. She asked that the safety issues of the 10th Street concerns be addressed. Mrs. Witzig next asked who would make sure penalties would apply in the new landlord ordinance. A copy of the ordinance would be given to Mrs. Witzig.

Larry Wolfer, 1931 Dane-Kelsey, addressed the Council regarding his disapproval of violations happening at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during construction of raw sewage being discharge into the river after each rain event. He expressed concern that the City was in violation of the Clean Water Act and that there was no variance given from the IEPA.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:50 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6.) Lease of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Golden seconded by Council Member Hendricks that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor Bara adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:05P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk