
**PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 3, 2001, AT 8:30 O'CLOCK A.M.**

PRESENT: MAYOR TEBBEN, COMMISSIONERS ORRICK AND RICHMOND

Notice of a special meeting of the City Council was posted and received by members of Council July 30, 2001.

Members of Council met with the Traffic Safety Committee as an Ad Hoc Committee to further discuss no parking changes on S. 14th Street. Council amended and adopted Ordinance No. 1462-A185 – An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Section 1 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding No Parking Places at the Council meeting of July 23, 2001. Members received public input in opposition of the sections pertaining to South 14th Street Parking at a special meeting held on July 30, 2001 at which no action was taken but comments taken under advisement.

Chairman of the Traffic Safety Committee, Com'r. Richmond, opened the meeting for discussion.

Eleanor Gibbon addressed TSC and Council members present with her concerns that no parking on 14th Street or allowing parking to the corners of Center Street would increase the difficulty she has backing out of her driveway onto Center Street.

John Bargar, owner of Colonial Barber Shop expressed concern that eliminating parking in front of his shop would cause a significant impact to his business. He suggested retaining parking on the west side of S. 14th Street to Koch Street.

Chairman Richmond offered Com'r. Massaglia's suggestion to allow parking on the west side and to advise businesses and residents that in one year parking would be eliminated completely, allowing businesses time to make alternative arrangements or provide off street parking.

The following additional suggestions and comments were received:

- Lewis Auto Sales be contacted regarding lease of the vacant lot for barber shop employee parking
- Owner of barber shop construct indented parking in sidewalk right-of-way for patrons to provide for concerns of elderly and disabled customers
- Bond Eye Care employees be requested to use business parking lot provided
- Remove left turn from Park Avenue onto Court Street
- Vacated 13th Street added to congestion of intersection /14th Street only direct north/south access through City
- Allowing parking on Center Street would inhibit fire apparatus from turning onto Center Street

Com'r. Orrick felt the problem the committee was seeing in traffic flow originated at the intersection of Park Avenue and S. 14th Streets. He proposed extended turn lanes at the intersection and presented marked drawings of the area. He suggested painting turn lanes at the intersection of 14th and Derby Streets also.

Public Works Director Dennis Kief advised Council of the traffic counts indicating there are over 2000 cars turning off S. 14th Street at points between Derby and Park Avenue intersections and of the Crawford, Murphy & Tilly engineering study that justified 4 lanes for traffic flow. He informed Council that the scope of the study was for federal funding purposes and was being considered at a lesser magnitude.

A motion was made and Traffic Safety Committee recommended:

1. no parking on the east side of S. 14th Street from Park Avenue to Koch Street
2. 2 hour parking on the west side of S. 14th Street from Center to Prince Street
3. no parking on east and west sides of S. 14th Street from Park Avenue to Koch Street beginning September 1, 2002

Mr. Bargar was agreeable to alternatives offered. He stated he would explore hard surfacing an area behind his business for parking. He asked for financial participation from the City.

Commissioner Orrick left the meeting at 8:50 a.m. Council took no action. Mayor Tebben left the Council Chambers at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting with Council member participation adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk