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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, JULY 28, 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 Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **agenda be amended by removing New Business item 9.2 Ordinance No. 2703-14/15 – Amending Title 6 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding the Administration Determination of Eligibility Under the Public Employee Disability Act and the Public Safety Employee Benefit Act.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 14, 2014 be approved as written.** On roll call vote; all present voted Aye.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Matt Stropes Real Estate, 1908 Quail Hollow Road, told the Council he was managed 3 of the units for one of the owners of the Sara Lane Agreement. He appreciated the Council's consideration in approving a means of maintaining the street once the owners agreed on an equitable solution to pay for the construction to City standards.

Bob Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, spoke in opposition the street maintenance that would benefit Country Club estates outside of the City limits. He was displeased that the City annual street maintenance included Luttickens and Pavilion Road. He questioned the Martin Luther King holiday contained in the amended Employee Handbook.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

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| <b>7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports:</b> Traffic Safety Minutes dated July 11, 2014 and Police Department June Report. |
| <b>7.2 Receive and File</b> Bids for Broadway Veterans Drive Turn Lane, Circle Drive Drainage, Annual Street Maintenance.  |
| <b>7.3 Receive and File</b> Annual Report of the Pekin Public Library.                                                     |
| <b>7.4 Resolution No. 105-14/15 –</b> Amending the 2012 Employee Handbook of the City of Pekin.                            |

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

## NEW BUSINESS

### ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A335-14/15

#### **AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 3 F. OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING HANDICAPPED SPACES**

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No.1462-A335-14/15 be adopted. Deputy Police Chief Kaminski presented the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to designate an on street handicapped stall at #4 N. 19<sup>th</sup> Street, on the east side of the street approximately in the center of the block between Broadway Road and Market Street. On Roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **BUS AGREEMENTS WITH SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL be approved.** Director of Transportation Ty Whitford advised the Council that South Pekin Grade School District approached the City with a request to provide transportation of its students. Mr. Whitford stated that the City already transported high school students from South Pekin through Pekin Public School District 303 Agreement. The proposal was for three one-year terms. Discussion followed with questions and concerns of Council regarding the effects the contracts would have on drivers, mechanics, fuel, insurance coverage, profit margin. Council Members Orrick and Golden voiced concerns that there was not enough supported documentation to consider the agreements. Mr. Whitford was asked to submit a business plan for the Bus Department. On roll call vote Ayes Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, Hendricks, and Barra; Nays, Golden and Orrick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **BID FOR BROADWAY IMPROVEMENT – TURN LANE AT VETERANS DRIVE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$77,055.00 BE APPROVED AND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO OTTO BAUM.** City Engineer Michael Guerra recommended the award for the project to remove and replace the damaged pavement that heaved during the past winter for the entire turn lane of the existing widening project. He addressed Council concerns for responsibility of the failed designed or materials. On Roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **BID FOR CIRCLE DRIVE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,155.00 BE APPROVED AND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO HOERR.** City Engineer Michael Guerra recommended Council approve the storm sewer piping, inlets, manholes, collateral work from Circle Drive to Parkway Drive to replace a collapsed storm sewer caused by the eroded hillside. He explained that he was hesitant recommending a project that had received only one bid but did not feel the City would receive any better pricing if re-bid. He felt it would not be of any advantage and to delay a project that had been a problem for 20 years could cause increase expense. On roll call vote Ayes Gillespie, Orrick, Abel, Hendricks, and Barra; Nays, Golden and McCabe. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **BID FOR ANNUAL STREET MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$120,816.00 BE APPROVED AND THE PROJECT AWARDED TO RA CULLINAN & SON, INC. A DIVISION OF UCM.** Council was advised that the reduced street maintenance project for 2014 project limits included Sheridan Road from Luttickens to Veterans, Kelly Avenue, TAPS Lane, 12<sup>th</sup> Street from Court to Park, Martha, Center, Garden, and Peoria Streets. The City and Park District utilized joint cooperation for bidding the Pavilion Road seal coating. The roads were selected due to extensive patching required from continued deterioration. Discussion followed on issues of Luttickens easements. Council Member was not in favor of the chip seal process and would not support improvements on a private drive. Council Member Orrick supported the utilization and cooperation of intergovernmental agreements. On roll call vote Ayes Gillespie, Orrick, Abel, Hendricks, and Barra; Nays, Golden and McCabe. Motion Carried.

### ORDINANCE NO. 2704-14/15

#### **AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY**

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No.2704-14/15 be adopted. City Manager Darin Girdler asked for authorization to acquire .71 acres of land along the northern property line of the Church of God as right of Way for El Camino Drive extension. On Roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2705-14/15**  
**AMENDING TITLE 4, CHAPTER 12 OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995**  
**REGARDING REGISTRATION OF RENTAL HOUSING AND LOTS.**

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No.2705-14/15 be adopted. The amendment would remove non-owner occupied registration from the code that was replaced by adoption of Ordinance N0.2702 Crime Free Property/Nuisance Property Abatement at the previous Council Meeting. On Roll call vote Ayes, Gillespie, Orrick, Abel, Hendricks, McCabe and Barra; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **SARA LANE AGREEMENT be approved.** Agreement for the City to accept improvements by the property owners of the 1500 Block of Sara Lane. Thereafter the City would accept the dedication of Right-of-Way and maintenance of that portion of Sara Lane. Mayor Barra hope that all owners agreed to undertake the construction of the private lane and complete it according to the specifications and regulations respecting City streets. Staff was asked to monitor the speed limit through traffic safety committee once the street was dedicated to the City. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

City Engineer Michael Guerra announced the Broadway at 8<sup>th</sup> would be closed and a detour to 6<sup>th</sup> Street posted to begin the improvement project on Tuesday. Also Veterans Drive would be closed at Mall Road for a short time for construction. He also reported that the Sheridan Road Bridge project was delayed by the rain and amount of rock that needed to be excavated. Council Member Golden reminded Mr. Guerra of the liquid damage provision if the project was not completed on time for school opening.

Council Member McCabe told Council that he had met with the Police Chief regarding his concerns of the personnel budget as he did with the Fire Chief to address his concerns in that department. He reported the meeting was an eye opening experience to the work load and duties of officers. Over staffing was not an issue. Council Member Abel questioned if property had been acquired for ponding in the Cambridge stormwater project and was told the negotiations were still in process.

Mayor Barra encouraged support of the St. Jude runners fund raising efforts this weekend. Council Member Orrick spoke in support of St Jude.

Gerald Witzig, 11501 Antioch, Tremont, expressed his concern that the City had a weed problem on City owned property and dumping problem at the Riverfront properties. Ann Witzig also addressed the Council regarding her dissatisfaction with Home Rule.

Robert Brauman, 2108 Velde Drive, wished Council would maintain his drive in respect to his comments on Luttickens Drive. He voiced concern that the West Campus was not seeded as stated in the developer agreement. Paula Sheridan, 2111 Highwood, spoke of her displeasure that the Code Enforcement Department had cited her for violation of a recreational vehicle parked in her drive. She stated she would provide Council with photos of 30 other violations in the Sunset Hills Subdivision.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. On roll call vote all present vote Aye.

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk