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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 26, 2010 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
BARBARA STRAND, MAYOR PRO TEM PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: MAYOR DUNN

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Strand.

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Mayor Rusty Dunn.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Barra, **seconded by Council Member Abel,** that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 12, 2010 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Building Report for June, Mayor's Advisory Committee with Persons with Disabilities Minutes June 10, 2010, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes July 2, 2010.

2. **Resolution No. 61-10/11-** Appointment of Sarah Newcomb as Authorized Agent Illinois Mutual Retirement Fund.

3. **Receive and File:** Pekin Planning Commission Minutes dated July 14, 2010.

4. **Receive and File:** Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:
   a. Hearing #10-1805-recommends the approval of the Site Plan for a Cell Tower located at 3000 Court
   b. Hearing #10-18060-recommends the denial of the Special Use Request for a Cell Tower located at 3000 Court

On roll call vote, all present voted Ayes,

COMMUNICATIONS PRESENTATION

Director Bob Blackwell presented the plans of the **PEKIN PARK DISTRICT'S PROPOSED SPORTS COMPLEX** to be located in the southwest corner of Koch Street at 5th Street. Seeing the need in the community for sports fields, the District proceeded to develop land from an anonymous donor. He advised a great deal of thought went into the lighting, parking, and usage for baseball, football, and soccer by youth ages 2-18 years old participating in Union Mission and Boys and Girls Club programs. Mr. Blackwell indicated under drainage, amended soil, and irrigated fields were unique to other sports fields that Park District had presently. Questions and concerns of the Council such as an inclusion of a community garden, buffer from the residential Deerfield Estates, increased traffic, and the matter of contracting with an out of state design firm were addressed.

Each Council Member expressed compliments and appreciation for the work put into the project and the asset to the community.

Libby Holcomb of Tri-County Resources Center (TCRC) and representative of the **MAYOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** advised that July was Disabilities Awareness Month honoring the 20th Anniversary of Americans With Disabilities Act. Tammy Helm, also a member of Mayor's Advisory Committee, gave a demonstration of the activity that was done with other City Committees, Boards, and Commissions during the month of July. Stuffing envelopes while blindfolded or using one hand sent a message to raise awareness that people with disabilities were capable to perform everyday activities with training and adaptability.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **SITE PLAN FOR A CELL TOWER** at 3000 Court Street from AT&T, **be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner advised the Council on the recommendations of the Pekin Planning Commission in regards to both the Site Plan and Special Use Request to construct the tower in the Sunset Hills area and the discussion of the PPC over several meetings. Mr. Wuellner informed the Council that the company had exhausted their search for other locations and to co-locate. Council was told by Attorney Burt Dancey that the site plan approval meant that the technical requirements of the drawing itself were sufficient as provided in the Code. The basis for denial of the Special Use was the deficiencies in the application which did not contain the modulation study detailing potential interference with public safety. Staff members spoke to Council's concerns of being business friendly, the mono-pole concept, and fall radius. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Pekin Planning Commission recommendation to deny the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR A CELL TOWER** at 3000 Court Street from AT&T, **be approved and thereby deny the Special Use.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **EASEMENTS AND RIGHT OF WAY AGREEMENTS WITH ILLINOIS AMERICAN WATER COMPANY for 328 Broadway, be approved.** Public Works Director Joe Wuellner presented the proposed easements from Farnsworth Group on behalf of Illinois American Water for a line extension from Well No. 2 to the Filter Plant at 328 Broadway. To accomplish the connection IAWC needed the easements to facilitate the construction efforts. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council was informed that with the Heat Index predicted to be over 100 degrees, the City of Pekin would open 2 Cooling Centers during the day in City Hall (first floor lobby) and the Koch Street Service Center from 8 A.M. until 4 P.M. so that the public could get out of the heat.

At the request of Council Member Abel, Fire Chief Kurt Nelson explained to the Council the reasons that the public may see the firefighters grocery shopping or fire apparatus idling.

Council Member Kortkamp encourage the public to attend the Annual Cruise Inn Events over the weekend. Main Street Director Leigh Ann Matthews recapped the activities that were planned.

Council Member Barra expressed appreciation for the cleanup of the debris at the river front after the high water had receded and asked that the City workers power wash the Pier of the remaining mud.

Council Member Blanchard encouraged the public to attend the Special Council Meeting set for Monday, August 2, 2010 at which the Council would consider awarding the bid for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase I Improvements, a Resolution in regards to the expenditures being reimbursed with bond proceeds, and the proposed increases to the sewer user charges.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner informed the Council and the public of the storm sewer maintenance project beginning next Monday that would close Allentown Road until complete.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:45P.M. to discuss:
5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. Acquisition of property for use of the Public Body.
5 ILCS 120/2 (c)6. Setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Public Body.
On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk