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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY JULY 24, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Pro-Tem Orrick.

CALL TO ORDER

All Members were present for Roll Call except Mayor John McCabe who was absent. A quorum was declared.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	4:04 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	4:04 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	4:04 PM
John P Abel	Council Member	Present	4:04 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:19 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	4:04 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Absent	4:04 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **Approve Agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft
ABSENT:	John McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. City Council - Regular Meeting - Jul 10, 2017 5:30 PM

RESULT:	**ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft
ABSENT:	John McCabe

PUBLIC INPUT

Brett Bode introduced himself as a nonresident but prior resident for 40 years and presently working as coordinator of St Vincent de Paul Society Crisis Response. Mr. Bode distributed a document to Council to address the proposed amendment to the 2017 Action Plan and the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Amendment. He indicated 2 priorities in the Plan were adopted by the Council in July 2015 after a project needs assessment was conducted. High priorities were Owner Occupied Rehabilitation and Public Services to provide dollar funding to local agencies. He expressed his concerns that the proposal before them had 3 projects of no benefit to the needy. He asked that Council not take targeted federal funds in order to pay general expenses of the City for demolition, ADA approved sidewalks, and City Inspector salary.

Brian Byrne, President Pekin Initiative Outreach, stated he was passionate about helping the poor and would like to see the money stay where was intended to be used.

Ann Witzig expressed her opinion that the money for the HUD plan should not be taken away from people that need it. She asked that Council deny the amended proposal.

Lynne Johnson, Pekin School District and director of Social Services Provider for Pekin Outreach told the Council that she had worked with nonprofit organization that misappropriated funds and that HUD will want reimbursement if the money was put in sidewalks and not used for the poor.

United Way Director Greg Ranney requested the Council to pay attention to the public input concerns and do what was best for the poor of the community.

Julia Karcher asked the Council to set aside additional time for public input or to put allocations back were appropriated.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. **Pekin Public Library Annual Report 2017**

6.2. **Pekin Plan Commission Draft Minutes Dated July 12, 2017**

6.3. **Pekin Zoning Board of Appeals Draft Minutes - July 12, 2017**

6.4. **Building Department Report - June 2017**

6.5. **Traffic Safety Committee - June 2017 Meeting Minutes**

6.6. **Police Department June 2017 Monthly Stats**

6.7. **Tazewell County Animal Control - June 2017 Billing & Report**

6.8. **Enjoy Pekin Tourism Minutes dated June 13, 2017**

6.9. Motion to: **Approve Consent Agenda**
Mayor Pro-Tem Orrick read and presented 8 items for consideration of the Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft
ABSENT:	John McCabe

NEW BUSINESS

7.1. **Master Services Agreement with Chestnut Global Partners for Employee Assistance Program**
Council was advised the annual agreement since 2005 provided full and part-time employees and families counseling and referral services to help in a wide range of concerns both personal and professional. Chestnut also conducted training sessions, publications, and web access and provides aid in post incident debriefing. The budgeted cost from the Insurance Fund was $10,164.00. Questions from Council were how often used and if the program applied to retirees.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft
ABSENT:	John McCabe

7.2. Ordinance No. 1462-A353-17/18 An Ordinance Amending Title 8, Chapter 4, Sections 1. D. of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995 Regarding No Parking Schedule

The Traffic Safety Committee recommended to the Council to consider restricting parking on S. 5th Street from Koch Street to Hanna Drive on both East and West sides. Mayor Pro Tem Orrick requested that Chief Tom Collins address the request of the Park District to help regulate the parking issue and to increase safety of both motorists and pedestrians in the location of the Park District Sports Complex. Council Member Ritchason noted the parking on 5th Street rather than using the parking lots in the Complex had exploded this year. Council Member Luft stated he backed the recommendation 100% for the safety of the kids. The parents were parking for the convenience when there was plenty of parking in the lots.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft
ABSENT:	John McCabe

7.3. Site Plan Review & Consideration of Amendment to Sunset Hills Subdivision Plat

Recommendation of the Plan Commission to deny the a request to amend the subdivision plat to permit the connection of a driveway onto the end of Fahnders Drive for property located outside of the City limits at 16604 VFW Road. John Lebegue, Building and Inspections informed the Council that neighboring property owners appeared before the commission to express concern of increased traffic and improper use, interference with snow plowing, fire, and garbage truck operations. The commission voted 5-1 to deny. Mayor Pro Tem questioned the use if in the future the land was subdivided. Also discussed was the controlled use of the driveway, a convenience for someone outside the City, unorthodox nature of the connection to a dead-end street, and the ability to make use of infrastructure without and compensation to the City.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [5 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft
NAYS:	Michael Garrison
ABSENT:	John McCabe

7.4. Motion to: **amend the allocation of $82,207 Code Enforcement and $85,000 ADA Sidewalks a total of $167,207 to Owner Occupied Rehabilitation**

Council Member Luft thanked the people that spoke to the amendment and stated that he agreed that the programs had been altered of their intended use. He would make a motion to amend the motion stated to approve the re-allocation of funds and to approve the 2017 Action Plan and Consolidated plan as amended.

Mayor Pro Tem asked that the action requested be presented. Mark Rothert on behalf of Pamela Anderson Community Development Director, advised the Council that the purpose of the Plan was to develop a viable urban community by providing decent housing, suitable living environment principally for low and moderate income persons. The 2017 Action Plan with amendment #1 would include the following projects: Administration, Rehab Program Delivery, owner Occupied Rehabilitation - emergency only, Public Services, Code Enforcement, demolition Public Facility / ADA Sidewalks. If the priorities and submittal were not met to meet the HUD August 16, 2017 deadline program year, funding of CDBG dollars would not be allocated. Discussion followed. Council Member Luft felt $167,000 should go back into rehabilitation of houses but had no problem with the demolition allocation because he had seen safety issues in the areas of low income which needed to be eliminated. Council Member Abel stated the City was not a social service agency for just the poor but represented the whole community. There was nothing illegal regarding the allocation to sidewalks and code enforcement. Those funds would benefit the low and moderate income areas. He questioned if the funds being carried over were a one time occurrance. City Manager Carson advised the Council that staff would do their best to spend the $246,000 but will be push not just on the City's part but have to have the cooperation of the people in the program. They need to complete application, allow entry to property, appraisals, and estimates and to perform the work. It was not always the City's fault in fulfilling the obligation. Mr. Carson assured the Council that there would be carryover if another $167,000 was allocated to rehabilitation. Council Member Ritchason stated the need to do a better job in making the community aware of the dollars and projects available.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 1]**
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SECONDER:	Michael Garrison, Councilman
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Ritchason, Luft
NAYS:	John P Abel
ABSENT:	John McCabe

7.5. 2017 Action Plan & 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Amendment as amended

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [5 TO 1]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Ritchason, Luft
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ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

The following public members addressed their questions, comments and concerns to the Council.

Ann Witzig VFW and 5th Street light not completed; did the City have a spray contract; questioned if there was a daily office plan for mowing; commented people were receiving tickets for not cleaning alleys yet City had weeds at East Court Village; asked name of new Social Media Director; noted City Manager did not answer any questions.

Julia Karcher questioned the duties of a social media director; thanked Council Member Luft for engaging with the public; questioned why bathrooms at riverfront were locked; thanked Mr. Bode for Council's reconsideration of the Action Plan amendment.

City Manager Tony Carson informed the Council that the City would engage in a TCRPC study

Announced the Wastewater Treatment Plant on July 29, 2017 no private vehicle allowed and bus would leave at noon and return at 2:00 p.m.

Council Member Ritchason express approval that the purchase of cameras for the Council Chambers was expedited.

Council Member Schramm promoted the Cruise in Downtown for the weekend.

Council Member Luft questioned if alleys were the responsibility of the adjacent resident.

Mayor Pro Tem Orrick commented on the no parking signs still on 5th Street after the Hospital Dash to Dawn was over. He asked that communication be improved regarding CDBG funds.

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ADJOURN

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that Council adjourn. Mayor Pro-Tem orrick adjourned the meeting at 7:00 p.m.