
**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 23, 2012 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, MASSAGLIA, HENDRICKS, AND BARRA

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER BLANCHARD AND MCCABE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Barra.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically present except Council Member Blanchard and Council Member McCabe. A quorum was present.

Police Chief Greg Nelson introduced Sascha Noble from Germany who was working in the police department. Scscha told the Council he was glad to have the opportunity to complete his police training internship in the City of Pekin.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Massaglia, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 9, 2012, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Liquor Commission Minutes, May 24, and June 28, 2012; Traffic Safety Minutes June 1 and July 6, 2012; and Tazewell County Animal Control June Report.
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7.2 Receive and File Bids for Revised New Vehicle Service Building for the City of Pekin Service Center opened July 12, 2012 @ 2:00 p.m.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

**ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A314-12/13
AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
TITLE 8, CHAPTER 2, SECTIONS 9 AND 10
REGARDING STOP SIGN AT CYPRESS AND YIELD SIGN AT OXFORD**

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that Ordinance No. 1462-A314-12/13 be adopted. Police Chief Nelson presented the recommendation of the Traffic Safety Committee to install a stop sign on the uncontrolled intersection of Cypress Street at Pine Street and a yield sign at the uncontrolled t-section on Oxford Street at south 7th to address safety concerns. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2662-12/13
AMENDING THE ADMINISTRATION CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
TITLE 1, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 5
REGARDING SALES AND LEASES OF REAL ESTATE

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 2662-12/13 be adopted. In order to maximize the development of properties Council determined a procedure to offer surplus City owned real estate in a more efficient manner in Ordinance 2649-11/12. This ordinance amends the code for the process and eliminates language requiring a public hearing for the disposal of property. Attorney Burt Dancey advised the Council that action would come before them on the actual sales requiring 6 out of 7 member vote. An agenda would be posted still giving the public the opportunity to comment. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that the low bid in the amount of \$582,000.00 for the revised new vehicle service building for the City of Pekin Service Center, be approved and the contract awarded to Venovich Construction Company, Inc. Council was informed that bids were originally opened on November 1, 2010 for mechanics to maintain and repair addition buses in the Hoyle acquisition. City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised the Council bids were still over after changes to the project for doors, overhead heating, plumbing and grade change. Council discussed the plans and the alternate bids. Council questioned if the alternates were essential, would make the job easier, or could be added at a later date. There was some support heard for funding the alternates through the Transportation Budget. Council Members Massaglia and Hendricks supported base bid only. No amendments were made to the motion. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the Council approve extending the amortization schedule for the East Court Village Development Agreements and the Mayor of the City of Pekin be authorized to execute the amendment documents. In order to utilize more finding to attract quality tenants to Pekin in this economy, East Court Village I, LLC and East Court Village II, LLC requested changes to the repayment of their loans to the City. Council discussed the developer's request to extend the payoff years through July 2007, reduce interest charge from 6% to 4%, and to defer this year's payments. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 47-12/13
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MAINTENANCE OF STREETS BY MUNICIPALITY
UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that Resolution No. 47-12/13 be adopted. City Engineer Mike Guerra told Council the resolution authorizes the expenditure of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds in the amount of \$200,000 for the Annual Street Seal Coating Project. The budgeted funds were approximately the same as the previous year. The proposed area was streets from 11th to Florence bounded by Sheridan and Willow. Mayor Barra noted the project area included a school and encouraged the completion for safety reasons prior to the start of the new school year. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Mayor Barra congratulated the St. Jude Pekin to Peoria Runners for participating in the 33 mile effort and raising funds for the St Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis and the Peoria Midwest Affiliate.

Executive Director Melinda Heien encourage everyone to attend the 8th Annual Pekin Main Street Super Cruise and Motorcycle Rally 2 day downtown event July 27 and 28 weekend.

Scott Jackson, 1410 Delray, announced the next production of the Artistic Community Theatre at the Miller Center. *My Fatal Valentine* an audience participation murder mystery dinner theater would be presented Saturday, August 11, 2012.

City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised the Council that he had received the estimated \$1,041,975.47 cost to

relocate the two gas distribution lines near Sheridan Road necessary for the construction of Veterans Drive from Broadway to Sheridan. Mr. Wuellner received no objections from Council for Ameren to proceed with the procurement of materials for timely construction of the section in September.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, addressed the Council in respect to his continued efforts to improve the first impression of Court Street visually. He read his prepared statement "A Court Street Puzzlement" which questioned why new wheelchair assessable ramps connected to sidewalks that were not in a condition to travel by wheelchair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) Personnel the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Council returned to open session. No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk