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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 THE CITY HALL
ON MONDAY, JULY 22, 2002 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BARRA, ORRICK, MASSAGLIA, AND RICHMOND

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **Agenda**, **be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of July 8, 2002, and the Special City Council meeting of July 15, 2002 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Zoning and Inspections (Building, Code Enforcement, Sewer & Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC), Waste Water Treatment, Tazewell County Animal Control, Tourism, Traffic Safety

2. Receive and File Bids Downtown Streetscape – Court Street from Capitol to 7th opened 7/17/02

R. A. CULLINAM & SON	P.J. HOERR, INC.	WM. AUPPERLE & SONS, INC.	C & G CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION CO. INC.	ESTIMATE J. WUELLNER
$552,352.85	$549,658.00	$573,150.00	$525,096.50	$588,340.00

3. Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated June 10, 2002

4. Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Recommendations and Hearings:
   #1538 – recommends that the Special Use Request for Liquor Sales at 513 Court Street be approved
   #1539 – recommends Site Plan submitted by Kay Adkins for Liquor Sales at 513 Court Street be approved
   #1540 – recommends assignment of R-1 to the recently annexed property at 3300 Sheridan Road be approved
   #1541 – recommends the Special Use Request for a communication tower location at 1130 Koch Street be approved
   #1542 – recommends Site Plan submitted by T/PCCC for a communication tower location at 1130 Koch Street be approved

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Emily Lambe, the new Main Street Executive Director was introduced.

A Public Hearing was opened at 5:35 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the sale of real property in Riverway Business Park. Notice was properly published in the *Pekin Times* on July 5, 2002. Director of Planning and Development Kim Uhlig informed Council that CHOL Enterprises, Inc. negotiated a contract to acquire 1.4 acres for 17,000 – 20,000 square foot addition of their business Elecsys. The original purchase was the City Spec Building of 2 acres. No objections, issues, or concerns were received. The hearing was closed at 5:37 p.m.

New Business

ORDINANCE NO. 2298

AUTHORIZING THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY – CHOL ENTERPRISES, INC. (Elecsys)

Motion by Com’r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Ordinance No. 2298 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR LIQUOR SALES AT 513 COURT STREET** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **SITE PLAN SUBMITTED BY KAY ADKINS FOR LIQUOR SALES AT 513 COURT STREET** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR A COMMUNICATION TOWER LOCATION AT 1130 KOCH STREET** be approved. Com’r. Massaglia questioned the placement of the tower in the front of the Public Service Building. Steve Thompson Director of T/PCCC explained that substantial costs from an estimated $65,000 to $200,000 would be incurred to remove asphalt that was just put down in the back lot and for the construction of a building with heat and air to place the tower on. There were no objections or concerns received from the area residents contacted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **SITE PLAN SUBMITTED BY T/PCCC FOR A COMMUNICATION TOWER LOCATION AT 1130 KOCH STREET** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1568-A129

PROVIDING FOR ZONING OF CERTAIN PROPERTY / DOWELL 3300 SHERIDAN ROAD

Motion by Com’r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Ordinance No. 1568-A129 be adopted. The Pekin Planning commission recommended that recently annexed property be zoned R-1 One Family Residential. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **OPTION TO EXTEND AGREEMENT WITH IDOT FOR MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL STREETS** be approved. Public Works Director Dennis Kief explained the 8.67% increase over the 2000 agreement for the City to maintain portions of IL 9 and IL 29 state highways reflected costs but more importantly the service such as snow removal the City provides must be considered. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 189

SUBORDINATION REQUEST / LES NELSON D/B/A NELSON STEEL & MACHINING, INC.

Motion by Com’r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Resolution No. 189 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 190

AUTHORIZING THE RELEASE OF CERTAIN COLLATERAL SECURING AN EDFAP LOAN / MARY JETTA CHRISTENSEN D/B/A YESTERDAY’S BAR & GRILL

Motion by Com’r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that Resolution No. 190 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **BID IN THE AMOUNT OF $525,096.50 FOR DOWNTOWN STREETSCAPE -** Court Street from Capitol to 7th Street be approved and the contract be awarded to C & G Concrete Construction Co. Inc. Com’r. Orrick made note for the record that projects with TIF funding should be prioritized now that spending has been cut back. He felt the park development at the Riverfront was higher priority and questioned the impact the streetscape in that block had. The Chair stated improvement of the sidewalks assisted in the total enhancement of the flow to the Riverfront and has stimulated or may draw new business. He felt the project was consistent with long range program to keep downtown viable. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **ACQUISITION OF THE TELEPHONE SYSTEM SELCETED FOR THE NEW CITY HALL** be done through a direct and immediate purchase. The City Manager told Council as directed at the previous meeting, two different lease programs were reviewed. Because there was no advantage to leasing great enough to justify the added administrative cost Mr. Hierstein recommended acquisition through purchase. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com’r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **RIVERFRONT AND PIER POLICIES OUTLINED IN WRITTEN FORM BY THE CITY MANAGER** be approved. with the riverfront receiving increased use Mr. Hierstein felt there was need to finalize rules and he presented decisions made by Council:

- No alcohol except special events in limited areas
- Fishing prohibited on Main Pier after alternate pier is ready
- Swimming and diving in pier and boat ramp areas prohibited
- Bicycles and roller blades prohibited on Pier
- Food vendors (maximum 4) permitted in designated areas
- Only furnishings allowed on Pier are those placed by City

Mr. Hierstein also recommended that reservations for non-exclusive use of the Pier be taken at City Hall and posted at the Pier. It was suggested that Council re-evaluate the issues/policies after one year of use and the Chair so directed that the calendar be marked. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

RETIREE HEALTH INSURANCE PLAN

Jim Conover, retired Police Sergeant, #3 Ruling Court read from a prepared statement. He told Council after so many years of service he was disturbed by an increased premium for health care coverage. He felt the City was forcing retirees off the plan. Brian Addy 1835 Valencia expressed concerns that the unjustifiable increase at the end of a career as a public servant sent a negative message of gratitude for police and fire. He said officers may be tempted to stay on the force longer because they couldn’t afford to retire. He asked that council reconsider the premiums. Jim Wright 1513 N. 9th Street Retired Police Officer, also read from a prepared statement in support of the retirees.

Sylvia Chin owner of business at 321 Court Street addressed Council and had a person speak for her. She informed Council that her customers were receiving tickets for parking in reserved spaces in the lot behind her restaurant facing Margaret. Mr. Hierstein said there was increased demand for these leased spaces from the County

Ivan Crossman 1410 Valle Vista addressed Council regarding weeds in the City.

LITTER AND TRASH PROBLEMS ENFORCEMENT

Commissioner Massaglia began discussion about his concerns for greater enforcement power of City Inspectors to ticket repeat offenders. The present procedures followed, the placement of liens, and small claims court system were discussed with staff and Corporation Council. The Attorney was given directive to re-exam those sections of the Code and present revision for more meaningful penalties.

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star, the Pekin Daily Times* and news media stations were given the opportunity to ask questions.

At 6:50 p.m. motion was made by Com’r. Barra seconded by Com’r. Massaglia, that Council recess and reconvene at 7:00 p.m. to **Executive Session** to discuss, Sale of Real Estate and Collective Bargaining. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com’r. Barra seconded by Com’r. Massaglia that Council adjourn. Motion carried by voice vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk