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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 14, 2008 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, STRAND, JONES, KORTKAMP, AND DUNN

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 23, 2008, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, Ayes, Kortkamp, Jones, Blanchard, Dunn, Abel, and Tebben; Strand voted Present. Motion Carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented. Mayor Tebben read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department Report June, 2008, Liquor Commission Minutes dated May 22, 2008

2. **Charitable Solicitation:** Pekin Amateur Hockey Association Tag Days; August 15 and 16, 2008 (amended)
   Pekin Union Mission Tag Days; October 24 and 25, 2008

3. **Resolution No. 47-08/09 -** Mayor's Appointment of John Fordham to the Economic Development Advisory Committee to fill the unexpired term of Randy West until First Monday in May 2011

4. **Resolution No. 48-08/09 –** Mayor's Appointment of Emily Lambe to the Pekin Tourism, Convention, and Visitors Committee for a two-year term until the First Monday in May 2010.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Police Chief Timothy Gillespie advised Council of the retirement of **DEPUTY POLICE CHIEF JIM BRECHER** who was not able to be in attendance. Gillespie spoke highly of Brecher **FOR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF PEKIN** and supported his decision to accept a professor teaching position at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner presented a **REPORT FROM THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION** advising the City of the **AMENDMENT TO THE AWARD OF THE GRANT FOR HANNA DRIVE** extending the time to start construction because of the time delays in getting all necessary steps including the railroad crossing/relocation of spur. He did not that the completion time in the Project 06-01-05146 extended until May 19, 2011.

David Pagliaro, Superintendent of Streets reported to Council on **STREET DEPARTMENT PROJECTS, STORM, SNOW, AND BROADWAY ROAD** that financially impacted of $596,031.00 to the Street Department operations. In a brief synopsis he disclosed the dollar amounts incurred for weather related problems to the City's infrastructure and trees, base repair expenses on Broadway Road due to the harsh winter, branch removal from the winds and rain of June 15, 2008, material costs and man hours related to winter months snow events. Council thanked City employees for their quick response and joint efforts to the storm event. It was also noted because of the instability of expenses for budget contingencies, taxes were a volatile sources of funding and must be addressed. Options to supplement decreasing revenues represented at Retreat need to be considered.

City Manager Dennis Kief, in a PowerPoint presented options to fund the Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades by utilizing a **WASTEWATER FEE.** Slides advised of the chronology of the Debt Service Charge rates beginning in 1986, average monthly gallons used, reduced user rate, eliminated Capital Improvement Charge, Minimum Charge, Winter Averaging, Sewer Tap Fee, and justification and option rates for proposed FY 2009 adjustment. No action was taken.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Strand, **t**hat the **AGREEMENT WITH MAURER-STUTZ FOR THE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR THE SHERIDAN ROAD BRIDGE** be removed from the table. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the motion be amended, by substitution, to include additional language and that the **AGREEMENT WITH MAURER-STUTZ FOR PHASE I STUDY PROJECT DEVELOPMENT REPORT FOR A SHERIDAN ROAD BRIDGE PROJECT** be approved in an amount not to exceed $50,040.00. Discussion followed on the funding received for replacement of the structure at an 80/20 cost share. Budget was actually for 2012 not 09. Public Works Director Joseph recommended proceeding with the PDR because of the cost share funding requirements of having a Project Development Report and the length of time for design. Questions were asked pertaining to timing of construction with Broadway Road Widening Project and the impact to the Park environment. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

PARKWAY DRIVE DRAINAGE EASEMENTS: Public Works Director Joseph Wuellner advised Council of the approval for the installation of stormwater drain lines to Service Parkway @ Knollwood to reduce flooding occurrences during heave rain events. To transport the water to the ditch along Willow easements to property was needed. The project experienced delays and redesign but was ready to bid and construct upon acceptance of the easements.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **AMENDMENT TO PERPETUAL DRAINAGE EASEMENT FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE WITH BOARD OF EDUCATION OF PEKIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT 108,** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE WITH MIRIAM SAUDER/TRUSTEE, 1009 RENSHAW,** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **PERMANENT EASEMENT FOR STORMWATER DRAINAGE WITH FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH, 1209 PARKWAY**, be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **ANNUAL PEORIA/PEKIN URBANIZED AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY (PPUATS) JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT FY 2009 FOR DUES, IN THE AMOUNT OF $10,522.76,** be approved. The small amount of dues allows Pekin to be eligible for Federal planning and construction dollars that have been beneficial for many highway projects. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 49--08/09

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMET BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Resolution No. 49-08/09, be adopted. The resolution appropriates $10,522.76 of Motor Fuel Tax for the Annual Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) Joint Funding Agreement FY 2009. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **CITY MANAGER BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A THIRTY-SIX (36) MONTH EXTENSION TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY FROM SEMPRA ENERGY SOLUTIONS JANUARY 1, 2009 – DECEMBER 31, 2011**. Tazewell County, Pekin Park District, Pekin Library, Chillicothe Sanitation District, Peoria Airport to enter in to consortium increasing purchasing power to benefit from the pricing. City Manager Dennis Kief was authorized to execute the contract at appropriate time. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 46-08/09

ANNUAL PREVAILING WAGE

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Resolution No. 46-08/09 Annual Prevailing Wage be adopted. Council Member Blanchard questioned the use of the word should as to mean that the City of Pekin would not necessarily ensure that prevailing wage was paid by contractors. Discussion followed as to the determination by the City to pay the prevailing wage set forth as ascertained by the Illinois Department of Labor for Tazewell County to labors who perform work on public works projects.

Motion was then made by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Resolution No. 46-08/09 be amended by substituting the word "should" to "shall". On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Chair asked for the vote on the Resolution as amended. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING FOR THE POSITION OF YARD CREW EMPLOYEES BE APPROVED AND THAT THE LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING BECOME A PERMANENT PART OF THE ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS, AND TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 627 COVERING THE GENERAL EMPLOYEE UNIT** Director of Public Property Greg Ranney spoke supporting the inclusion of the already 4-hour bus driver employees and answered questions of the Council regarding the financial impact verses contracting for mowing. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the 2007 **CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT** be approved. Community Development Director Pamela Anderson, reported to Council on the HUD required yearly evaluation report that stated the accomplished goals for the past fiscal year and performance measurements based from the Five Year Consolidated Plan. She advised that a Public Hearing was held July 10, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in order to have received comments. She pointed out the major achievements, objectives, status, and programs, such as rehabilitation (CDBG and IHDA/HOME), code enforcement, administration, united way, cancelled programs and amendment programs (ADA Sidewalks and carbon monoxide detectors for the hearing impaired). Supporting documentation was disseminated to Council. It was noted that there are funds still available for the rehab program and that low to moderate-income individuals were encouraged to request a qualifying application from the City. Council Members asked questions and made comments. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard expressed appreciation for the completion of the Derby Street Railroad Crossing. Mayor Tebben noted the efforts of Senator Koehler and his Administrative Assistant in the accomplishments.

Council asked the question of why there was garbage collection on the 4th of July holiday. Director of Sanitation Greg Ranney explained that it was not the normal procedure but the community was notified. Council suggested that in the future there be consistency in the manner by which the holiday collections are covered. It was stressed that adequate notice be given the public, not all have Channel 22 nor subscribe to the Pekin Times, and suggested a flyer be placed with the people of the effected route the week before a change.

Council Member Kortkamp advised that there are various new vehicles, scooters, and bicycles on the road as a result of the fuel increases. The community was asked to be cautious and more alert.

Council Member Jones requested that a report on the fuel efficiency or lack of savings on the purchase of the E-85 vehicles be reported to Council in one month.

Council was informed that City Link and the City of Pekin working cooperatively to increasing the number of bus route hours to Peoria as ridership increases. A Park & Ride location on the route was being considered.

Public Works Director Joseph asked that the public be patient on the Broadway / Parkway Intersection Improvement. There would be one more day of paving with 10-15 minute delays in traffic flow. He encouraged drivers to be cautious of the workers.

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street addressed his concerns to Council on three issues. Progress of the railroad crossing improvement on Derby Street, Derby Street sidewalk project, and the flow of water diverted to Parkway on the Broadway intersection project.

Daniel Dehoog 619 South 12th Street expressed his opinion as to the need for open communication with City employees not limited to the Manager as spokes person.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Strand, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:50 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. Sale of Property The setting of a price for sale or lease of Municipally Owned Property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk