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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 13, 2015 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN H. MCCABE * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, ORRICK, ABEL, RITCHASON, LUFT, DUNN
ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **agenda be approved as presented.** Council Member Golden questioned the absence of the pension funding motion from the previous meeting. Mayor McCabe indicated that he was still waiting for information and advise from an expert on the topic**.** On roll call vote, Ayes Orrick, Luft, Dunn, Abel, Ritchason, McCabe; Nay, Golden. Motion Carried.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of June 22, 2015 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Jim Mangan distributed to the Council Members Pekin pension information he had received through self education and discussion with Jim Warning, a Chartered Financial Analyst, and the State of Illinois. He recommended the probability of achieving 100% funding status by the end of the deficit amortization period should be calculated.

Sally Johnson thanked the Council for their vote not to accept Asian Carp. She supported looking into finances and suggested there was reckless spending of Council that never said "no". She addressed the HUD business items and asked that Council ask the right questions before voting to approve.

Gerald Witzig spoke in support of a financial review. He felt the history of corruption taking place in the City was on par with East St. Louis. He referred to a posting on FaceBook from a retire management employee that supported the fact that the City was corrupt.

Ann Witzig voiced her opinion that a financial advisor was needed and that the City was in arrears because of the airport. There was a need to collect airport fees. She did not see the airport being used. She felt HUD was a disgrace. Robert Bramham addressed Council with the following remarks:

- Don't need long term plan
- City allowing Jane Street to flood with raw sewerage
- Asked to quit spending for studies, basketball, library upgrade, airport, streets on 2nd for grain trucks to tear up

Mr. Bramham informed the Council the house that the City demolished was now a lot of weeds.

Tracy Glass requested Council's consideration of amending the section of the City Code regarding noise that does not address loud outdoor music in residential areas.

Roger Alexander asked the requirements for putting down new City streets.

Allen Young, a resident on 2nd Street told Council of the flood water rolling through the back door and in the basement of their house. He felt there was a pumping problem of the City not the elevated height of the flooded Illinois River. He advised that the fast traffic through the flooded streets and the blown manhole covers were forcing water back in to the house. Mayor McCabe advised that the manager and City Engineer had provided a report to the Council and the situation was being addressed.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Draft Liquor Commission Minutes dated June 25, 2015 and Human Rights Committee Minutes dated May 27, 2015.		5
7.2 Receive and File: Resignation of Erick Reader Pekin Planning Commission.		5
7.3 Receive and File: Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated June 10, 2015.		5

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
Pekin Municipal Airport
Clayton Stambaugh, Operations Manager and Airport Commission Member Steve Huey in a PowerPoint presentation a fact sheet of the facility. Member of the Airport Commission in attendance and those that were unable to attend were introduced. Mr. Huey told the Council that the information was intended to show that the airport was a valuable component to local commerce and economic development and a critical segment of the transportation infrastructure. Council was informed of the

- Companies based at the facility
- Frequent users, personal transportation
- Conveniences
- Economic impact of 3.1 million dollars generated each year
- Operational revenue sources and expenditures

Each Council Member was given the opportunity to ask questions or comment on the airport operations. Comments were heard on the expenses and revenues through fees; operating in the black instead of the red; the effects or possibilities of eliminating the airport as; and responsibilities and debt of accepting federal dollars for maintenance.

A **PUBLIC HEARING** was opened by Mayor McCabe at 6:59 p.m. for the **(CAPER) CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT – PERIOD MAY 1, 2014- APRIL 30, 2015.** Jim Mangan presented his comments and complaint. He referred to a newspaper article regarding federal administration announced new housing segregation rules. He felt the new HUD rules would force the City of Pekin to accepting housing redistribution and to racial integrate the City neighborhoods. Pamela Anderson told the Council that the Hearing was to receive comments from the public regarding the review of the annual performance report. There were no additional comments received from the public. The hearing was closed by the Mayor at 7:05 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Orrick seconded by Council Member Ritchason that the **(CAPER) CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) ENTITLEMENT – PERIOD MAY 1, 2014- APRIL 30, 2015** be approved. Pamela Anderson, Community Development Director presented both the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement and the 2015 Action Plan Amendment #1. She stated that HUD requires a yearly evaluation report stating the accomplished goals for the past fiscal year and performance measurements based from the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The draft had been on public review from June 22- July 13, 2015 with a public hearing that preceded this presentation. Ms. Anderson presented details of the program and the objectives to provide decent housing principally to targeted area of low and moderate income persons. She told the Council of the general and administrative accomplishments reached during the prior HUD fiscal year. Discussion followed on advantages/disadvantages of accepting funding; the City's increasing poverty level; schools free lunch program levels; the increased draw of people in poverty to reside in Pekin where free services are provided; and the high administrative expenses in the report. Council Member Golden felt the money was not doled out well. He did feel that funding for signs could be better spent and did not help low income citizens. He told Ms. Anderson that residents would be better served if Pekin worked with the trade unions for an apprentice program. He stated the City should completely get out of the HUD business. On roll call vote, Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Dunn, Ritchason, McCabe; Nays, Golden and Abel. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **2015 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT #1 FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** be approved.

Community Development Director Pamela Anderson advised the Council there were CDBG dollars not expended that require changes to the allocation of dollars required as an amendment that would reallocate $217,249.78 for the 2015 Action Plan used to guide the programs/activities during the year. Ms. Anderson provided a spread sheet of the 2015 Action Plan budget allocation, the proposed re-allocation of dollars to rehabilitation and public services. Council Member Luft advised that he had never received more input than this topic of HUD dollars for housing. He felt there was needed more input and knowledge on the subject and offered a motion to table the item. Council Member Golden commented that administration ate of one half of the funds. Council Member Dunn also felt there needed to be a larger discussion on dollars geared to bring the poverty numbers down. Additional discussion followed. Council Member Golden stated that he be clear that he did not want to accept HUD dollars. Motion by Council Member Luft, second by Abel that the Action Plan amendment be tabled.
On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried to table the Amendment.

TIF Administrator, Leigh Ann Brown presented two properties recommended by the Main Street Design Committee eligible under the terms of the grant guidelines to enhance the structural integrity of the properties. Teresa Lohman owner of Taste Sensations was in attendance and was asked to answer questions and concerns of the Council regarding the businesses. Ms. Lowman told the Council that the adjoining buildings business was two fold, 408 Court Street housed a wine and cheese gift shop and 411 housed a banquet facility for meetings, showers and other events. Council Member Golden questioned the use group change and zoning requirements for banquet facility. He felt the project was completely backwards in regards to the previous TIF Commercial Retail and Upper Housing Loan for interior renovations Ms. Lowman had received. He stated the loan was a bad investment for the City and did not support approval. Ms. Brown told the Council that the TIF grants help to protect and preserve old buildings in the historic downtown. Guidelines for the program were for enhancing the property value and not to get into the business of the owner. Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TIF FAÇADE PROGRAM** application for eligible expenses for roof and awning at 409 Court Street in the amount of $5,009.44 be approved. On roll call vote all present voted Nay. Motion Failed.

Motion by Council Member Ritchason, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT TIF FAÇADE PROGRAM** application for eligible expenses for roof and awning at 411 Court Street in the amount of $8,672.92 be approved. On roll call vote all present voted Nay. Motion Failed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member Golden asked to have report on BD collection agency hired last year for dollar amounts obtained from delinquent payments to the City. He asked the status of an issue that Council had received from a citizen in regards to property on Broadway that received a citation for obstruction of sign in the City right-of-way. He stated there were City responsible obstruction of trees on Sheridan and Winged Foot and wished the departments was as diligent about the weeds on City properties. Council Member Orrick asked for a report from the Police Department of the number of tickets issued for illegal fireworks. He also brought to Council's attention an issue with neighboring residents of a group home. Council Member Orrick expressed concern that the pot holes were filled 2nd Street that were used by grain truck traffic prior to the residential areas of town. Mike Guerra, City Engineer reported that the road study was continuing to be worked on as time allowed between several flooding issues. The staff was asked to look into the creation of a Sister City. Council Member Luft thanks the staff for their communications on many matters. Mayor McCabe noted the high levels of the river and the horrible issues of flooding that they have presented. He extended congratulations to the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce for a very successive Fourth of July Event.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick, that the Council move to Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1.) Personnel. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Ritchason that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 9:00 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk