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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 11, 2011 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA, MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, SCHMIDGALL, BLANCHARD, NEUMANN, HENDRICKS, ABEL, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Boy Scouts Eagle Troop 65, Noah Brooks, Bennett Taylor and Robert Lawrence.

Mayor Barra recognized the member of the Pekin Community High School JROTC and Chief Becker. Mayor Barra congratulated the Academic Team members who had just finished 11th in the nation in a scholastic bowl challenge of 1300 cadets.

Roll was called and all Council Members were physically in attendance. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Massaglia 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 Abel, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of Monday, June 27, 2011 and the Special Council Meeting of June 20, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Massaglia 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 and Minutes: Police May Report; Liquor Commission Minutes Dated June 23, 2011; and Building Department April and May Reports.		5
7.2 Resolution No. 8 - 11/12 – The Mayor's Appointment of Erik Reader to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term until May 31, 2014.		5
7.3 Resolution No. 9 - 11/12 – The Mayor's Appointment of Frank H. Mackaman to the Fire and Police Commission for a term until the first Monday in May, 2013.		5

On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia, and Barra; Neumann, Nay. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **DOWNTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING EXPENDITURE FOR THE FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM** in the amount of $25,620.00 for Maurie's Candies 522 Court Street, be approved. Director of Economic Development Leigh Ann Matthews presented the request for Council Action as recommended by the Pekin Main Street Design Committee. She advised that new owner of the 70 year old Pekin icon, Scot Johannes, applied for financial assistance to assist in major masonry work to secure the structure and replace windows and doors. The property owner completed all necessary procedures to be considered for the amount of $25,620.00 under the terms of the TIF Program guidelines to be granted a 3 year forgivable grant. Discussion followed on the structural assessment and the City's discretion to participate in an increased amount in a particular project. Mayor Barra was hesitant in a policy allowing Council to change grant amounts arbitrarily. Members Abel, Hendricks, Massaglia spoke in support of the service provided to the downtown by the project. Council Member Neumann stated there were other buildings that could use an extra $12,500.00 grant. Motion by Council Member Blanchard, that the motion to approve the façade grants expenditure for Maurie's Candies be amended to an amount of $12,500.00. No second was heard on the motion. Discussion followed on setting precedent and judgmental approval of increased participation. Motion by Council Member Neumann, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the façade grant for Maurie's Candies be tabled until the Council Meeting on July 25, 2011. Mr. Johannes addressed the Council regarding the doubt and difficulty in investing more of his own funds in the façade work. Council Member Schmidgall felt concerns stated for postponing could have been addressed sooner. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard and Neumann; Nays, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia, and Barra. Motion Failed.

Motion by Council Member Neumann, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall that the Downtown Tax Increment Finance expenditure for the Façade Grant Program be amended to the amount of $25,220.00 for Maurie's Candies 522 Court Street. On roll call vote Ayes, Blanchard, Schmidgall, Neumann, Hendricks, Massaglia, and Barra; Nay, Abel. Motion Carried. Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **DOWNTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING EXPENDITURE FOR THE FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM** in the amended amount of $25,220 for Maurie's Candies 522 Court Street, be approved. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Hendricks, Abel, Schmidgall, Massaglia, and Barra; Nay, Neumann. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **DOWNTOWN TAX INCREMENT FINANCING EXPENDITURE FOR COMMERCIAL RETAIL & UPPER STORY HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM in the amount of $25,000.00 for Maurie's Candies 522 Court Street,** be approved. Ms. Matthews also presented a request as recommended by the Design Committee under the terms of the Commercial Retail Program of the TIF. Council was advised that the program reimburses ½ of eligible interior expenses up to $25,000.00 through a 5 year forgivable loan funded up front and guaranteed by note and mortgage. Monies sought were for ceiling repairs, floors, plumbing, electrical upgrades. On roll call vote, Ayes, Blanchard, Abel, Schmidgall, Hendricks, Massaglia, and Barra; Nay Neumann. Motion Carried.

Community Development Director Pamela Anderson requested Councils approval of the following three agenda items. She stated at a previous Council Meeting she reported on the activities of the CAPER and 2011 Action Plan. Council was advised of the cumulative data of program goals, priorities in providing decent housing to low- and moderate-income persons, and accomplishments highlighted. She noted the changes to the allocation of dollars that required the Action Plan amendment item.

Motion by Council Member Neumann, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **2010 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT CAPER, be approved.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Neumann, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **2011 ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT be approved.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Hendricks that the **HOUSING REHABILITATION CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH PEKIN HOUSING AUTHORITY in the amount of $25,000.00, be approved.** Council received information on the terms of the one year renewal contract for the Community Development Block Grant Rehab Coordinator position with the Pekin Housing Authority. The City had participated with PHA in the CDBG funded contract for 6 years. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that the **SECOND AMENDMENT TO THE FARNSWORTH GROUP AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR WWTP PHASE 2 IMPROVEMENTS in an amount not to exceed $2,331,000.00* be approved. (***correct amount) City Manager Joseph Wuellner recommended the support service to ensure compliance, oversight, documents, and bidding services for Phase 2A and 2B for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements as previously provided in Phase 1 by Farnsworth. Funding would be covered through the IEPA loan. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO 2641-11/12
AUTHORIZING THE LOAN AGREEMENT

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that Ordinance No. 2641-11/12 – Authorizing the Loan Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Improvements Projects from the Water Pollution Control Loan Program Fund of the IEPA, be adopted. Mr. Wuellner told Council the Ordinance needed to be submitted to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to secure two $20 million dollar, low interest loans for both A and B of Phase 2 project. Council discussed the cost schedule.

- Stimulus funded (first $20 million)
- 1.25% interest rate
- $2.5 million forgiven
- Payback $17.5 million
- 2.5% interest (second loan not expected to be full $20,000 million
- Payback starts 6 months after completed work
- June 2015 operational deadline set by Pollution Control Board

Information and questions were addressed by Farnsworth Group, Inc. Engineering Manager, Patrik Sheridan. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 7-11/12
ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Massaglia that Resolution No. 7-11/12 – Appropriating $40,973.49 Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the City share of the completed ARRA Parkway Drive Project, be adopted. City Engineer Mike Guerra advised Council the MFT allocation was for close out of milling and resurface project of Parkway Drive Court Street /IL 9 to Willow Street. The City received $432,276.00 in American Recovery and Reimbursement Act and the cost of the project was $473,249.49. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A307-11/12
AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING SPEED LIMITS ON VETERANS DRIVE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard seconded by Council Member Abel that Ordinance No. 1462-A307-11/12 be adopted. Chief Greg Nelson explained that the original recommendation from the Traffic Safety Committee and the request in June had to be reconsidered after learning both the Federal and State Departments of Transportation strongly discourage a speed over 45 mph on a road with a curb. The amendments provide for 55 mph from Allentown Road to Broadway Road with 30 mph remaining at Court to the end of Menards and 45 mph from Menards to Allentown. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Blanchard speculated missing manhole covers could be the result of scrapers defacing property to sell the metal He brought to the community's attention that an accident had been reported and that the situation of a missing cover in traffic was very dangerous.

Bernie Gobbel, 208 Dogwood Lane express his disappointment in learning that the Ordinance which approved an increased speed on Broadway Road at the previous meeting was to enact an increased speed of 45 mph on both the eastern and western flow of traffic from Schramm Drive to Veterans Drive. Council Member Neumann asked for verification of Mr. Gobbel's concern that the documents from the meeting of June 27, 2011 indicated only east bound traffic was increased to 45 mph on Broadway from Schramm Drive to end of City limits. The Clerk was asked to retrieve the request for action, agenda description, ordinance, and TSC minutes.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, distributed printouts of areas in the City that needed weed pulling, mowing, and paint spruce-up attention. Some were privately owned business. He noted he would take it upon himself to point out theses areas of concern if Council felt it would improve the appearance of the community.

No further business to come before the Council, motion made by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the Council adjourn. Approved by viva voce vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:10 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk