
**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 9, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

Agenda

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

Council Member Strand noted the correct spelling for the citizen that addressed Council and was recorded in the previous meeting minutes was "Harrison." The Mayor directed the Clerk to make the editorial change. Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 25, 2007 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Tebben presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Police Department, Building Report and Liquor Commission Minutes May 24, 2007
2. **Charitable Solicitation:** Pekin Amateur Hockey Association Tag Days September 29 & 30, 2007
clerk note: changed to August 31 and September 1
Pekin Union Mission Tag Days October 26, 27, & 28, 2007

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

SAFETY AWARDS - City Manager Dennis Kief informed the Council that the Safety Committee was comprised of representatives from all departments. Accepting safety suggestions from employees and recognizing these people with a \$50.00 award was one of the programs initiated by the Committee to encourage safety. Appreciation was extended to the following Safety Award recipients: Tom Schaub, Jeff Jackson, James Guerra.

TAX BILL OBSERVATIONS

The City Manager then explained the breakdown of a typical tax bill. In a Power Point presentation he briefed the Council on the individual rates of the property taxes directed to each taxing district. He offered comparisons of rates from 1989-2006, indicating that the City of Pekin rate had declined from \$3.4689 to \$1.3103. The City portion of the Tazewell County Tax Bill was 14.73% excluding the Library taxing body. He also indicated that only 12.5% of the City's overall revenue was derived from real estate taxes. Council Members posed questions and made observations. Mayor Tebben asked that staff continue to educate the public on how the monies derived from the tax bills are spent.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **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 5, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in order to have received comments. With a slide presentation she pointed out the goals, objectives, status, and programs, such as CDBG Rehab, Emergency Siren, Street Maintenance, and IDHA HOME. The Fiscal Year 2006 Expenses and Income were disseminated to Council. Council Members asked questions and made comments. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 4-07/08

T/PCCC 9-1-1 AND MONITOR UPGRADE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that Resolution No. 4-07/08 be adopted. Director Steve Thompson of the Tazewell/Pekin Consolidated Communication Center stated the resolution authorized application for a grant to receive \$113,000.00 under the Infrastructure Maintenance Fee CY Pres Litigation and Settlement Fund. The fees collected were found to be unconstitutional and were held in escrow to be dispersed to municipalities for enhanced 9-1-1. Large screen monitors would be purchased for radio dispatch consuls and equipment to communicate with deaf persons. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **ANNUAL PPUATS JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT** be approved. City Manager Dennis Kief informed Council that participating agencies and Tri-County Regional Planning Commission jointly agreed to fund Peoria/Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study. The agreement was for the annual dues in the amount of \$11,062.14. The expenditure was provided in the budget. The assessment was approximately \$97.00 increase over last year. Mr. Kief reported that the City had benefited greatly in federal and state road funding for the relationship. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-07/08

AN ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE SECTION 75-00107-11-ES PPUATS ASSESSMENT

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Resolution No. 5-07/08 be adopted. The Resolution appropriates \$11,062.14 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the PPUATS Joint Funding Agreement FY 2008. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2523 - 07/08

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY OF PEKIN CHARLES RIGG AND ASSOCIATES, INC. 225 HANNA DRIVE

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that Ordinance No. 2523-07/08 be adopted. The ordinance authorizes a one-year lease in the amount of \$7,500.00 per month of the Nelson Building in Riverway Business Park to the owners of the former T-Shirt House recently destroyed by fire. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Members Jones encouraged staff to include construction of sidewalks as part of the Broadway Widening Improvement. He also gave an "onion award" to the noticeable junk and litter violations seen at the property at Prince and Mechanic.

Council Member Abel recommended from his perspective as a firefighter and from input of the community that the issue of reinstituting the ban on overnight parking on city streets be considered. Mayor Tebben directed that the Traffic Safety Committee revisit the matter.

Council Member Dunn questioned if the stalemate and lack of production of some key issues pending before the General Assembly in Springfield had an adverse impact on the City of Pekin. Concerns were addressed on the surfacing of the Gross Receipts Tax GRT. Council was encouraged to contact or write the Governor. Regarding the freeze on electricity.

Council Member Blanchard reminded the public that the lobby of the Police Station could be used as a cooling center because of the heat.

Mayor Tebben spoke to the issue of the dust conditions in the application of the yearly street maintenance project. He apologized to the residents along Parkway, Fischer, and Willow Streets for the inconveniences. He appreciated the tolerance of citizens for a matter that was felt to be beyond the contractor's control because of the materials that were delivered for the seal coat project. City Manager Dennis Kief spoke in support of the City's Street Maintenance Program process of the use of crushed rock/emulsion. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner confirmed that the contractor 's previous work had been checked and he was qualified. Darin Steffen Project Manager of 3-D Steffen, Inc. and Jerry Trap of Capitol Sand and Gravel, addressed Council regarding the technical specifications of rock and explanations as to the dust. Council was informed that after several watering, a calcium chloride solution was applied to the roads. Council Members made comments and asked if IDOT specifications for the product were met. They were told that the contractor would work with staff for resolution of the matter before moving forward with completion of this year's seal coat program. Council was reminded that the award of the bid saved the taxpayers over \$78,000 over the previous year's contract.

Council Member Strand alerted the public to the fact that energy assistance was available through Tazewell Community Services

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street, noted vehicles had been moved back after his previous observance that autos parked in a used car lot at Fayette and 2nd Street impaired traffic vision. He still questioned if that required a 15ft setback. Mr. Gilroy expressed appreciation that the weed problem had been taken care of behind Udry Jewelers. He noted there were still violations in the area.

Ralph Warner, 2201 Parkway Drive, expressed his concern regarding the street maintenance dust issue.

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

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that Council move to Executive Session at 7:05 P.M. to discuss the Sale and Lease of Municipally Owned Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor called the meeting closed. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk