
**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 9, 2001 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRED MASSAGLIA * MAYOR PRO TEM * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: MAYOR R. DAVID TEBBEN

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Mayor Pro Tem Massaglia.

Roll was called and a quorum was present. As provided by Resolution No. 237, establishing the procedure for appointing a mayor pro tem, Com'r. Massaglia was selected by alphabetical rotation to preside at this meeting.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 25, 2001, and the Special Meeting of July 2, 2001, be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Zoning and Inspections (Building, Code Enforcement, Sewer & Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC)
2. Receive and File Minutes of the Pekin Planning Commission Dated June 13, 2001
3. Receive and File Pekin Main Street Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Dated May 17, 2001
4. Receive and File Petition for Annexation from Charlotte L. Hiatt, Fleischman @ Route 29
5. Resolution No. 131 – Appointment of Norma Mefford to the Preservation Committee
6. Receive and File Planning Commission Recommendations and Hearings:
#1493 – approval Preliminary Plat submitted by Darla Armbrust and Gary Allen for Deerfield #2
#1494 – approval for the rezoning request submitted by Terri Gambetti for 7.95 acres of property to be purchased from TAPS known as 2600 Tazewell Road used for a residential home
#1495 – approval of the Ordinance change that would allow a non-directional “Open House” sign, only on property that is for sale, with no time restrictions, request submitted by the Pekin Board of Realtors.
#1496 – approval of the Ordinance change that would allow barbed wire on fencing that is at least six feet above the ground and located in an I-1, I-2 or PUD Zoning District

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

Public Works Director Dennis Kief presented a PowerPoint presentation on the **UPDATES TO THE VETERAN’S DRIVE.** He outlined land use, environmental studies, land acquisition, intersection construction, that has taken place on each of the phases. The scheduling that had been used the past 2 years has been changed to reflect a more ambitious timetable for the overall project. Mr. Kief was seeking comments on the compiled accelerated schedule from Council and direction. Council discussed staying the course chosen with preference for VFW extension. Creve Coeur had expressed interest in working with the City to complete intersection at I-474 with an extension to Fischer Road. Council felt any means to position the City for possible TEA21, Illinois Tomorrow or other funding should be pursued. Cincinnati Township Commissioner Ron Hawkins addressed the Council and stressed the importance of expediting the VFW Road corridor to relieve Court Street of traffic.

Public Works Director Dennis Kief reported that in September, 2000 Dennis Behrends expressed concern for the need for **SIDEWALKS ON KOCH STREET** in the Wilson School area mostly to accommodate children going to school. Council directed staff to investigate the potential for the improvement project. In November, 2000 affected property owners were contacted, 4 attended a meeting and there was a fifth that called with support. In March 2001 it was reported to Council that the project was estimated at \$30,000, the project in the low-moderate census tracts, could be eligible for CDBG funds and would justify 75% funding. Discussion followed on persons not able to afford the costs, the alternatives for participation, assessment as an option, or lien held on property. City Manager Dick Hierstein suggested that those unable to pay their share of the project could have the option of having a lien put on their property until such time as the house is sold. Com'r. Orrick stressed the importance of the project as a safety issue of school children. Council gave direction to proceed with the project.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Orrick, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the quote for **SURVEY WORK ON COURT STREET** to establish property lines in the amount of \$4,125.00 be accepted and the work be authorized to Farnsworth Group. City Engineer Joe Wuellner explained he received quotes from McClure Engineers (\$4,680.00) and Farnsworth to establish property lines. The proposed survey work was necessary to move forward with additional streetscape projects since there are several basements that extend out under the sidewalks. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Barra, that the quote for **PRELIMINARY CONCEPTUAL/FEASIBILITY DESIGN FOR THE PEKIN RIVERFRONT RETAINING STRUCTURE**, in the amount of \$3,200.00 be accepted and the work be authorized to Farnsworth Group. John Hamann stated that the Congressman LaHood had informed the City that they may be eligible for partial funding for a retaining wall along the river. To best take advantage of the opportunity, it would be necessary to know the logistics and estimated cost of the project. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2250

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR FROM A BUILDING BELONGING TO THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Ordinance No. 2250 be adopted. Attorney Oberle advised that prior to the purchase of real estate, liquor was sold on the premises at 121 Second Street. The property will be leased until such time as needed for River Front Development. State Statute requires the City enact an ordinance permitting sale on City owned property. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Carol Godby, 2438 Willow thanked Council and staff for striping the 2400 block of Willow and asked that curb reflectors be replaced after the hard winter.

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

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:15 p.m. to discuss Acquisition of Real Estate. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk