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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 THE CITY HALL  
ON MONDAY, JULY 8, 2002 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
R. DAVID TEBBEN \* MAYOR \* PRESIDING**

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

**ABSENT: NONE**

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

**Roll** was called and all commissioners were present.

**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 24, 2002 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.**

Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police, Fire and Inspections  
On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**Communications**

Public Works Director Dennis Kief made a presentation regarding a possible increase to the City's Wastewater User fee structure. He explained the evolution of the Fee from its inception in 1986, where the average 6,000 gallon/month user was paying \$10.78. During the following years the per gallon user fee was reduced from \$1.08/1,000 gallons to \$1.00/1,000 gallons and the Debt Service charge of \$4.30/month was reduced and then eliminated and the Capital Improvement Charge (\$2.25/10,000 gallons) was enacted. The same 6,000-gallon/month user is now paying \$8.25.

There have been several previous presentations regarding the City's need to expand/update the Wastewater Treatment Plant. With an anticipated cost of over \$7M, the City will need to increase revenue by \$400,000 to \$500,000 annually. A number of alternatives for altering the Wastewater User Fee were looked at and included in handouts. One suggested rate structure would be to enact a flat minimum charge of \$1.00/month plus a \$1.63/1,000 gallon user fee. If enacted, this would mean that the average 6,000-gallon/month user would be paying the same \$10.78 as they were paying back in 1986. The higher volume users would pay a proportionate higher rate.

Council asked several questions. As is done by other utilities, the bill would not break out cost elements. It is hoped that the new schedule can be adopted by October so that it can be reflected in the joint water/sewer bills.

**Unfinished Business**

Council decided to discuss 5-Year Capital and Personnel Plans at the Special meeting set for 3:30 on July 15, 2002.

**New Business**

**RESOLUTION NO. 188  
AMENDING DOWNSTATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE  
AGREEMENT CONTRACT #3184 OP-02-09-IL**

Motion by Com'r. Barra, seconded by Com'r. Orrick, that Resolution No. 188 be adopted. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

**Other Business**

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. Massaglia seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:15 p.m. to discuss Collective Bargaining, acquisition of Real Estate and Litigation. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

**COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:20 P.M.**

Richard Hierstein  
City Manager