



PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY JUNE 26, 2023 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
MAYOR MARY BURRESS PRESIDING

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Councilmember Hohimer.

RECOGNITIONS

SOPHIA RICHARDS

Police Chief John Dossey introduced Sophia Richards, a 4 year old, that traveled the country to spread the word of hope to law enforcement during a time of COVID and civil unrest. Sophia was nominated for a Citizens Award Certificate for Outstanding Citizen. Mayor Burress presented Sophia with a proclamation for Exemplary Citizen.

Chief Dossey and members of the Illinois Associations of Chief of Police presented Sophia with numerous awards.

WES WASHBURN, CALEB BOYER, NICHOLAS APPELL

Police Chief John Dossey led the recognitions from the Illinois Association of Chief of Police. In 2020, officers took immediate action saving a 4 year old child that had fallen through the ice. They were submitted for recognition and were selected. Members of the Illinois Association of Chief of Police presented Officers Caleb Boyer, Wesley Washburn, and Nicholas Appell with their award and certificate.

CALL TO ORDER

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, on roll call, confirmed all Councilmembers were present.

Attendee Name	Organization	Title	Status	Arrived
Rick Hilst	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	5:08 PM
Karen Hohimer	City of Pekin	Councilwoman	Present	5:10 PM
Dave Nutter	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	5:11 PM
Becky Cloyd	City of Pekin	Mayor Pro tem	Present	5:11 PM
Mary Burress	City of Pekin	Mayor	Present	5:10 PM
Lloyd Orrick	City of Pekin	Council Member	Present	5:11 PM
John P Abel	City of Pekin	Councilman	Present	5:10 PM

APPROVE AGENDA

Councilmember Cloyd expressed concerns and requested that the publication of the agenda on the website be accessible to the Council and the citizens of Pekin on the Wednesday before a Council meeting.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

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PUBLIC INPUT

Dustin Maquet, owner of Maquet's Rail House, highlighted the importance of city government keeping its commitments as he has done in his personal and professional life. Mr. Maquet mentioned his contributions to the city including donations to local youth organizations and sporting groups. Mr. Maquet expressed his pride in what the Rail House has done in the last nine years and stated that he expected commitments made by the city be upheld by supporting the TIF funding for the parking lot behind his restaurant.

Jim Mangan raised concerns regarding the Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act and felt the Council and city was in violation. Mr. Mangan discussed executive session exemptions emphasizing the need for clearer agendas and more openness to the public.

Ann Witzig expressed her observations about the body language of the Council and Staff. Ms. Witzig also called for the censure or discipline of Councilmembers Hohimer and Abel and requested better communication from the mayor during meetings.

Deborah Montgomery requested a favor of Council to address trash cans, expressing concerns about the placement of cans when trash goes for automatic pickup.

Amy McCoy, Executive Director of the Pekin Chamber of Commerce, voiced her support of Agenda Item 10.11 Annual Support of the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Discover Peoria emphasizing the advantages and opportunities it provides to promote hospitality and businesses in Pekin.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember Hilst requested that Consent Agenda Items 7.2 Financial Reports April 2023 and 7.5 Resolution No. 23-23/24 Annual Appointments be removed and placed under New Business as items 10.12 and 10.13.

City Clerk, Ms. Sue McMillan, read the remainder of the Consent Agenda Items.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

7.1. Accounts Payable To Be Paid Proof List thru May 26, 2023

7.3. Police Department May 2023 Stats

7.4. Police Department April 2023 Stats

PRESENTATION ENVIRO-SAFE

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey, introduced members of Enviro-Safe, Randy and Ryan Price, to discuss the lot on Court Street as a possible alternative location for the construction of his gymnasium.

Ryan Price provided an introduction to the project highlighting the need for a gym in local schools and his involvement in coaching and training at the Christian school.

Randy Price also spoke about the gym project touching on the cost, payback period and its impact on downtown parking and infrastructure. Mr. Price explained the pros and cons of the different locations, emphasizing the benefits of the Second Street location such as available parking, reduced strain on sewers, elimination of conflicts with the County and the potential to bring business downtown and help organizations like the Union Mission. The only negative was the additional cost associated with the Second Street location.

Mayor Burress expressed support for working with the county and others involved without creating conflicts. Appreciation was expressed for the presentation and willingness to collaborate.

Councilmember Orrick agreed that the Second Street location was a beneficial solution for everyone involved, including the public, county, city and residents. Councilmember Orrick thanked Mr. Price for his contributions to the youth of the community and suggested exploring options to facilitate the project near the riverfront.

Chief Dossey obtained consensus of the Council to have further conversations regarding the property on Second Street and stated that the City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, would look into the property and initiate the process.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, suggested meeting with the Councilmembers in pairs to discuss Enviro-Safe and their financial requests.

Councilmember Cloyd emphasized the time sensitivity and the need to expedite the process considering the county's schedule.

DISCUSSION ETHICS COMMISSION

Mayor Burress stated that Councilmember Cloyd brought her attention the idea of eliminating the ethics committee. The Mayor reached out to other cities I stated that she had not found any cities that had such a committee but Chicago. Mayor Burress described an article from the Chicago Tribune that highlighted the potential biases of ethics committees and warned the Council to proceed with caution. Mayor Burress continued stating that the city had two options: eliminate the committee and have a hearing officer who would also be an attorney or maintain the commission as precedent since the city was the county seat.

Councilmember Hilst stated he was not surprised by the Mayor's comments as he had done some research and could only find Chicago as the only city with an ethics committee. Councilmember Hilst agreed with the idea of eliminating the committee and reverting to self-policing.

Councilmember Hohimer was also in favor of eliminating the commission and having a hearing officer with proper training to handle issues and provide guidance on what needed to be done.

Councilmember Nutter announced that he had reached out to the ethics commission and received responses from three members that all recognized the oversight in the lack of training.

Councilmember Orrick commented that he had remembered two hearings that took place in front of the Council and felt that they were well executed. Councilmember Orrick supported the Council serving as hearing officers.

Councilmember Cloyd compared the Council's role to a jury in a judicial system, emphasizing the importance of having multiple people judge rather than relying on one person would potentially be corrupt.

Chief Dossey mentioned that the Fire and Police Commission has dealt with discipline issues separately.

Councilmember Orrick recalled a past incident where a mayor was censured based on evidence presented to the Council, demonstrating that the system worked.

Mayor Burress emphasized the need to separate personal biases from the decision-making process.

Councilmember Hilst proposed that if the Council decided to go with a hearing officer, the Ethics Commission would be eliminated, and the officer would provide a recommendation to the Council for a vote.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, suggested that the officer would determine if a person violated the code of conduct and the Council would decide the appropriate punishment based on their recommendation.

Councilmember Orrick was against using any cloud services.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, suggested option of the possibility of a rehearing, administrative or appellate review, and giving the non-prevailing party a chance to appeal to the Council and outline required training.

Councilmember Hohimer expressed concerns about potential bias if they rely on an impartial hearing officer.

Discussion by the Council continued and it was agreed to eliminate the commission and explore the previous ordinance. Council agreed to have the proposed ordinance eliminating the Ethics Committee for the Council meeting of July 24, 2023 due to the upcoming holiday.

NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Ordinance No. 4077-23/24 Approve Purchase of Property at Mineral Springs Park

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt an ordinance approving the purchase of property at Mineral Springs Park along Court Street for the construction of wider sidewalks. The City obtained an appraisal that valued the land at \$26,000. The City offered the same amount of the appraisal for the land and the Pekin Park District will be voting on the purchase soon. Additionally, the City would reimburse the Park District for the costs of relocating the signs, electrical equipment, landscaping, etc. The Park District was drafting an agreement outlining the reimbursement details, and will be presented to Council for approval.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, informed the Council that the property purchase was not required for the next construction phase on Court Street and that the strip of land was only for utility pole relocation.

Councilmember Nutter mentioned that if the signs weren't moved that it would not impact the utility poles.

Ms. Esker explained that the agreement with the Park District would come back to Council for final approval after it was passed by the Park District Board.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, explained the Governmental Transfer Act and how declaring it was the first step and she had been working with Cameron Bettin at the Park District.

Councilmember Hilst inquired about splitting the cost.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

10.2. Ordinance No. 4078-23/24 Ordinance To Establish A Date For A Public Hearing for the Proposed Pekin East Residential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the agenda item to Council to adopt and approve an ordinance establishing a public hearing date for the East Residential TIF District Redevelopment Plan. The time established was August 14, 2023 at 5:30 PM at Pekin City Hall, 111 S. Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

10.3. Ordinance No. 4079-23/24 Ordinance To Establish A Date For A Public Hearing for the Proposed Pekin South Residential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the request to Council to approve and adopt an ordinance establishing a date for a public hearing for the Proposed Pekin South Residential Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District.

Councilmember Orrick stated that to the best of his knowledge he did not reside in any of the residential TIF districts.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [6 TO 1]
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst

10.4. Ordinance No. 4080-23/24 Amending the Alcoholic Liquor Code Chapter 5, Article II Section 1 Definitions of Outdoor Sales Area and Amending Section 5-2-7 Classifications and License Fees Creating a Class T Product Tasting Rider for Class B License Holders

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt an ordinance amending Chapter 5, Article 2, Section 1 of the liquor code extending the definition of an outdoor sales area for Class B packaged liquor license holders and amending Section 5-2-7 of the liquor code creating a Class T Product Tasting Rider for Class B License Holders. The rider would allow product tastings that shall consist of no more than one-quarter (1/4) ounce of distilled spirits, one ounce of wine, or two ounces of beer. The proposed fee for the rider was \$300 for an annual rider or \$25 per day

for a daily rider. The item was approved for recommendation to the Liquor Commissioner and to Council at its June 22, 2023 meeting.

Councilmember Nutter questioned allowing events in the parking lot with the rider if the owner of the business did not own the property.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, stated that the Class B liquor license holders would still be subject to all restrictions on outdoor sales area and would have to own, lease, or have permission of the owner.

Council discussed the required Bassett Training to serve liquor.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

- 10.5. Ordinance No. 4081-23/24 Amending the Pekin Alcoholic Liquor Code Chapter 5, Article II Section 5-2-17 Employees Under 21 Years of Age**
Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the request to Council to approve and adopt an ordinance amending Section 5-2-17 of the liquor code allowing 18 to 20 year old's to pour, sell and serve alcoholic liquor in licensed establishments, except for taverns. The amendment came at the request of the owner of The Clubs at Sunset Hills due to staffing shortages. The Liquor Commission recommended approval at its June 22, 2023 meeting.

Councilmember Cloyd spoke against the agenda item.

Council discussed the Liquor Commission's ideas on structuring the ordinance but ultimately decided remove the most amount of restrictions allowed by law.

Council discussed self-checkout lanes with liquor.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 1]
MOVER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Burress, Orrick, Abel
NAYS:	Becky Cloyd
ABSTAIN:	Rick Hilst

- Motion to: **Layover Agenda Item 10.6 Resolution No. 24-23/24 Approving Employee Separation Agreement until the July 10th Meeting**

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Becky Cloyd, Mayor Pro tem
AYES:	Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter, Becky Cloyd
NAYS:	Karen Hohimer, Mary Burress, Lloyd Orrick, John P Abel

- 10.6. Resolution No. 24-23/24 Approving Employee Separation Agreement**
Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the agenda item to approve and adopt a resolution approving an employee separation agreement between the City of Pekin and Mr. Bruce Marston. Mr. Marston had approached the City to discuss separation and a severance package for vacation time, sick time and a couple of years retirement totaling around \$84,000.

Council discussed whether approving the agreement would set precedent for others existing in the future.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [4 TO 3]
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Karen Hohimer, Mary Burrress, Lloyd Orrick, John P Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter, Becky Cloyd

10.7. Resolution No. 25-23/24 Pekin Community High School District 303 Agreement for School Resource Officer Services

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the item to Council to approve and adopt a resolution approving an agreement with Pekin Community High School District #303 for school resource officers. The Council approved the second school SRO in the FY24 Budget.

Council discussed the review process of the resource officers and vacation time.

Councilmember Orrick confirmed that the officer would not be allowed to act as a juvenile officer.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	John P Abel, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burrress, Orrick, Abel

10.8. Resolution No. 26-23/24 Approving Transportation Services Agreement with Tazewell Mason County Special Education Association (TMCSEA)

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the agenda item to approve a resolution approving an agreement with Tazewell Mason County Special Education Association for bus charter services. The agreement would be for four years and set to expire in 2027.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burrress, Orrick, Abel

10.9. Resolution No. 27-23/24 Approving Transportation Services Agreement with Tazewell County Resource Center (TCRC)

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the agenda item to approve and adopt a resolution approving an agreement with Tazewell County Resource Center for bus transportation. The term of the agreement was 3 years and would need to be renegotiated again in 2026.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Council Member
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burrress, Orrick, Abel

Motion to: **Amend Resolution to Include funding for Maquet's Rail House for \$160,000, Terri and Baylee Gambetti for \$55,000 and Turner Door for \$15,000**

RESULT:	DEFEATED [3 TO 4]
MOVER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Councilman
AYES:	Karen Hohimer, Mary Burress, John P Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter, Becky Cloyd, Lloyd Orrick

Motion to: **Amend Resolutuion to Award TIF Funding to The Kountry Nook for \$30,000, BMD, an LLC for \$30,000 Under Contingency of No Pending Litigation, Turner Door for \$24,100, Alexander's Tax Service for \$30,000, SPWT LLC \$150,000, Terri and Baylee Gambetti for \$55,000**

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Lloyd Orrick

**10.10. 3549 : Resolution No. 28-23/24
Apprve 2023 TIF Benefits Related to Private Eligible Redevelopment Project Costs as Amended**

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the agenda item to approve and adopt a resolution approving the 2023 TIF benefits related to private eligible redevelopment costs.

Councilmember Hohimer seconded by Councilmember Abel made a motion to amend the award of TIF funds to Maquet's Rail House (SPWT LLC) from \$30,000 to \$160,000, Terri and Baylee Gambetti from \$30,000 to \$55,000, and Turner Door from \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Councilmember Orrick expressed opposition to the proposed changes and stated that the original requirement and cap was for \$30,000.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker explained that it was simpler to bring all the amendments at once and that this round of funding was suggested based on the budgetary decisions made earlier by Council.

Councilmember Cloyd mentioned that during the budget planning, it was decided to allocate funds for roads using TIF (Tax Increment Financing) until they were apprised of the additional revenue.

Interim Finance Director, Bob Grogan pointed out that amending the budget would be necessary if they were to fund all the projects at 100% as suggested by Councilmember Hohimer. City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker clarified that although the TIF money existed, it was not in the budget and was generated from additional revenues, mainly from new property assessments, such as the Pekin Insurance addition.

Mayor Burress emphasized the importance of bringing forward new evidence and supporting existing businesses in downtown to beautify the area.

Councilmember Nutter inquired about the status of Kountry Nook and Alexander's Tax Service. Ms. Josie Esker explained that each input from the Council was taken into account, and projects were included based on the number of votes they received during her meetings.

Councilmember Orrick raised concerns about the value of the parking lot, and Councilmember Cloyd questioned the selective nature of the proposed amendments.

Councilmember Hohimer expressed her concerns about the condition of the parking lot near the Rail House and the need for improvements to the alley. Councilmember Hohimer emphasized that the parking lot was accessible to anyone, and he personally takes care of it.

Mayor Burress highlighted the need to support businesses that contribute to the downtown area's beautification efforts.

Councilmember Hilst interjected, stating that he disagreed with some of the comments made and expressed his concerns about the fairness of the process. He mentioned that Dustin Maquet had received TIF money in the past and discussed a project estimated to cost the city 80% of the total.

Councilmember Orrick mentioned the lack of bids or quotes for some of the projects and questioned the absence of certain applications from the agenda.

Mr. Dustin Maquet shared his experience with the application process, stating that he had filled out the necessary paperwork and had discussions with Ms. Josie Esker about the project. He mentioned the infrastructure problems in the area and his willingness to contribute financially.

Mr. Maquet also discussed the impact of his business on the parking situation during events at Aerial Athletics.

Councilmember Cloyd voiced her dissatisfaction with the way the city handled the funding issue when the previous City Manager, Mark Rothert, was employed, mentioning the availability of funds at that time.

Councilmember Abel expressed frustration about the discussions happening behind the scenes without everyone being involved, and Councilmember Nutter mentioned the negative impact on the business environment due to these issues.

A heated debate and discussion ensued, with Claude Alexander from Alexander Tax Service sharing his concerns about not receiving any TIF funding and feeling biased in the application process. Councilmember Hohimer acknowledged that his name was not included due to the votes of four council members.

Mr. Dan Shipman, representing a marine store, expressed his surprise at asking for city funds for his business. Interim City Manager John Dossey repeated the motion, but it failed to receive support.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Cloyd to amend the ordinance to include Kountry Nook in the amount of \$30,000, Alexander's Tax Service in the amount of \$30,000 and Turner Door in the amount of \$24,100. The motion was later withdrawn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Hohimer to include Kountry Nook in the amount of \$30,000, Alexander Tax Service in the amount of \$30,000, Turner Door in the amount of \$24,100, Terri and Baylee Gambetti in the amount of \$55,000 and Maquet's Rail House in the amount of \$150,000. The motion was later withdrawn.

A motion was made by Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Hohimer to include funding for Kountry Nook in the amount of \$30K, Alexander Tax Service in the amount of \$30K, Turner Door in the amount of \$24,100, Terri and Baylee Gambetti in the amount of \$55K, BMD, an LLC in the amount of \$30,000 and Maquet's Rail House in the amount of \$150K. The motion was

seconded by Councilmember Cloyd. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.
Motion carried.

RESULT:	APPROVED AS AMENDED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Lloyd Orrick

10.11. Resolution No. 29-23/24 Annual Support of Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (PACVB) Discover Peoria

Interim City Manager and Police Chief John Dossey presented the request to Council to approve and adopt a resolution giving annual support to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$20,000.

The Tourism Committee met to discuss the funding request and it was unanimously approved.

Councilmember Orrick confirmed it was the same amount given as last year.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
SECONDER:	Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman
AYES:	Hohimer, Nutter, Burress, Orrick, Abel
NAYS:	Rick Hilst, Becky Cloyd

10.12. Financial Reports April 2023

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 7/10/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

10.13. Resolution No. 23-23/24 Annual Appointments

RESULT:	POSTPONED [UNANIMOUS]
	Next: 7/10/2023 5:30 PM
MOVER:	Rick Hilst, Councilman
SECONDER:	Dave Nutter, Councilman
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Deputy Fire Chief Tony Rendleman addressed the public regarding the dry and windy conditions. He emphasized the regulations against burning construction materials, waste, food, tires, etc. stating that it was illegal at all times. Deputy Rendleman also stated that starting a fire was unlawful especially considering the upcoming 4th of July holiday.

Councilmember Hilst requested an update on Tharpe Avenue in which Ms. Josie Esker responded that it was not complete.

Councilmember Hilst also discussed the homeless population on Front Street and addressed the issue of recycling. Councilmember Hilst shared a conversation with the manager of the recycling plant on Route 29 to gain a better understanding of the costs.

Councilmember Abel reported that Troy from the Pekin Pride Soccer requested two additional sets of soccer goals from the Tourism Committee.

Councilmember Hohimer expressed gratitude to the Police Department for their quick action in response to a recent horrific accident. Councilmember Hohimer also commended the Fire Department for their efforts in combating multiple fire amidst high winds.

Deputy Rendleman assured Council that extra fire crews would be staffed for the official fireworks display, and additional officers would be present.

Councilmember Orrick addressed the sewer construction on 10th Street explaining that it required taking over 9th Street to Park Avenue and expressed concerns on the length of time it has taken them and should have to incur additional daily costs. Ms. Esker said she would look into the matter.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C) 5. THE PURCHASE OR LEASE OF REAL PROPERTY FOR THE USE OF THE PUBLIC BODY

A motion was made by Councilmember Nutter seconded by Councilmember Abel to move into Executive Session 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. The Purchase or Lease of Real Property For The Use Of The Public Body at 9:09 PM. On roll call vote all present voted Aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Burress announced that no action would be taken after executive session.

Council returned to open session at 9:16 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Cloyd, Burress, Orrick, Abel

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Councilmember Abel seconded by Councilmember Orrick to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried viva voice vote. Mayor Burress adjourned the meeting at 9:16 PM.