
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY JUNE 26, 2006 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
FRANK H. MACKAMAN * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, BLANCHARD, JONES, MADDOX AND DAGIT

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Tory Coats.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Mayor Mackaman noted that Joe Wuellner would be acting in the capacity of City Manager for questions or direction in the absence of Dennis Kief.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **agenda be approved as presented**.
On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Minutes

Motion by Com'r. Blanchard, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 12, 2006, the Special Council Meeting of June 15, 2006 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, Ayes, Maddox, Blanchard, Jones, Dagit; Abstain, Mackaman. Motion carried.
Mayor Mackaman explained that he was absent from the meeting of June 15 and would abstain from voting on the contents of the minutes being an accurate or inaccurate account of the meeting.

Public Input on Agenda Items

There were no comments received.

Consent Agenda

Mayor Mackaman presented and read the following items under Consent Agenda.

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

1. **Receive and File Reports and Minutes:** Airport and Building Reports
2. **Charitable Solicitation:** Pekin Union Mission Tag Day October 27, 28, 29, and Dalton Blakley, Neuroblastoma Patient
3. **Receive and File U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Action Plan Approval and Transmittal of Grant Agreements Program Year 2006**
4. **Receive and File Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting Minutes Dated June 14, 2006**
5. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Meeting Minutes Dated May 10, 2006 and June 14, 2006**
6. **Receive and File Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
 - a. Hearing #1716 – approval of the Site Plan to move the Mobile Unite on the Business Property currently zoned OS-1 (Office Service District) with the Property I.D. #04-04-36-414-008 and commonly known as 2351 Broadway
 - b. Hearing #1717 – approval of the Preliminary Plat for Sunset Hills Ext #33, currently zoned RM-2 (Multiple Family Residential) for Lots 43 thru 57 and Lots 60 thru 61 and R-2 (Single Family Residential) for Lots 58 thru 59 and lots 62 thru 66
 - c. Hearing #1718 – approval of the Preliminary Plat for Riverway Business Park 2nd Addition Currently zoned AG (Agricultural District)

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that the **SITE FROM CENTRAL ILLINOIS RADIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION TO MOVE A MOBILE UNIT FOR DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY, ON THE BUSINESS PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2351 BROADWAY ROAD, CURRENTLY ZONED OS-1 (OFFICE SERVICE DISTRICT)** be approved. Council was informed that the site plan originally approved at the May meeting needed reconsideration due to the mobile unit not capable of fitting in that location chosen. The new site was also recommended by the Planning Commission. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 160-06/07

PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR SUNSET HILLS EXTENSION #33

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Blanchard, that Resolution No. 160-06/07, Preliminary Plat for Sunset Hills Extension #33, currently zoned RM-3 (Multiple Family Residential) for Lots 43 thru 57 and Lots 60 thru 61 and R-2 (Single Family Residential) for Lots 58 thru 59 and Lots 62 thru 66, be adopted. Discussion followed on concerns of lots 62-66 draining onto other lots. Council was assured that area would be reviewed in the staff process during development. Terraced lots would be shaped in such away that water runoff would go to the street. Failure to construct correctly would be violation of the provisions of the Code. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2479-06/07

AMENDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 1, SECTION 6-1-1 B

REGARDING COMPOSITION OF THE PEKIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Com'r. Dagit, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that Ordinance No. 2479-06/07 be adopted. Council was informed of the hiring of officers to bring the total number of officers to 56. The ordinance would amend the provisions from 54 members. Several considerations for requesting the Council fill the 2 budgeted police slots were written in memos from City Manager Dennis Kief and Police Chief Gillespie. Mayor Mackaman summarized the justifications given, made comments and posed questions in a prepared outline:

- Understaffed – being short handed incurs additional cost
- Belief that more effective traffic enforcement could reduce increase in traffic accidents
- 54 officer staffing level rarely achieved due to retirement, medical leave, military
- City has grown by approximately 350 new homes and 10 miles of roadway
- Conceptual Plan identified proactive policing agenda

The Mayor commented, based on public safety, budget, achievement, police morale, Conceptual Plan issues, it was an easy yes vote. But he felt alternatives should have been discussed more fully and neither memo stated a cost figure. Citing that the Police Annual Report stated a declining workload, he questioned would there ever be a time with scarce resources to draw the line.

Discussion followed. Com'r. Jones expressed disappointment that Council was asked to vote so soon on a department hiring matter. Com'r. Maddox spoke in support of the increase and said the workload was declining as a result of the effectiveness of the department. Com'r. Blanchard felt officers were needed to patrol the expanded area of the City. Com'r. Dagit disagreed with Mayor Mackaman's analysis of cost based on the Audit.

On roll call vote, Ayes, Maddox, Dagit, Jones, Blanchard; Nay Mackaman. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Recognition and best wishes were extended to Mary Zimmerman Administrative Secretary Investigation, retiring from the Police Department after 34 plus years of service to the City.

Com'r. Blanchard encouraged Council, staff and citizens to view a model of the City on display in the City Hall Lobby. The replica constructed by Ron Seih and Lori Bland depicts the many aspects of Code Enforcement throughout structures, residences, and streets in our city.

Com'r. Jones expressed gratitude for the efforts of firefighters called to an emergency on the golf course.

Garnet Meischner 1401 Janssen expressed concern that drivers are leaving vehicles run while filling gas tanks and also smoking where there is fuel. He asked that the City assist in enforcing the regulations for no smoking.

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

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Dagit, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:22 P.M. to discuss Lease of Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. and Litigation 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 11. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. The Council returned to open session.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Mackaman called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:40 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk