
**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, JUNE 25, 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 Dunn, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **agenda be approved as presented.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 11, 2007 and the Special Council Meeting of June 14, 2007 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Dunn 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: Fire Report for May**
2. **Proclamation: "Larry's Casting Kids" Month of July**
"Recognition of Service of Carol Shields and Frank Mackaman
on Pekin Hospital Board
3. **Charitable Solicitation: Benefit for Kelly Dubois Benefit Sunday, July 8, 2007**
4. **Illinois Department of Transportation Illinois Great Rivers Ride – Agreement for Signing**
5. **Receive and File Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes Dated June 13, 2007**
6. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated June 13, 2007**
7. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
 - a. Hearing #07-1741 – Recommend approval of the Site Plan for the Special Use for Automobile Sales with Accessory Structure Incidental to the Use at 1301 Broadway

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Greg Ranney presented a report to Council on the structure and duties of Public Property, Transportation, and Solid Waste Departments. He briefed Council in more detail on the figures for "in-house" solid waste collection, transportation and disposal for comparison to the contracted project. Council Members asked questions and spoke of the success of the recycling program.

New Business

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **SPECIAL USE REQUEST FOR AUTOMOBILE SALES WITH ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, INCIDENTAL TO THE USE AT 1301 BROADWAY** be approved. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner reported to the Council that the Planning Commission recommended a Special Use and the Site Plan after it was corrected from Steve Bresnahan for auto sale on the lot adjoining his residence. Council was told the request met all requirements. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **SITE PLAN FOR AUTOMOBILE SALES WITH ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, INCIDENTAL TO THE USE AT 1301 BROADWAY, SUBMITTED BY STEVE BRESNAHAN** be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **TAZEWELL COUNTY HISTORIC PLACES SOCIETY RIVERFRONT ART'S FAIR SHOWCASE TOURISM GRANT** in the amount of \$500.00 be approved. City Manager Dennis Kief explained to Council that the event qualified as a Community Event Grant under the category for a Pekin non-profit group in an amount not to exceed 50% cost of the event, which was estimated at \$3,090.00. Funds would be paid-out prior to the event and documentation of attendees because the event was a sponsorship not "heads in bed" event. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE ELECTRIC POWER FROM SEMPRA ENERGY SOLUTIONS** be ratified as approved. City Manager Dennis Kief reported that after authorization to enter into an agreement was given to him at the previous Council meeting, the opportunity was presented to select a seller of electricity for the City of Pekin properties. The Manager was confident that Public Works Director Joe Wuellner had tracked rates and the contract price was low. Mr. Wuellner reported that savings to the City over CILCO/Ameren charges would be \$18,000-\$20,000 per year. Council Member Blanchard asked that the alternative Electric Generation Coop consisting of local individuals and backed by Senator Koehler, that planned a "Virtual Network" for relief to businesses and residential users, be considered. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2523-07/08

AUTHORIZING A MASTER LEASE-PURCHASE AND SUB-LEASE-PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH FIFTH THIRD BANK AND PEKIN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOR THE FINANCING OF AN MRI BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that Ordinance No. 2523-07/08 be adopted. Corporation Counsel Burt Dancey advised the members that the payment of the debt service would be solely by revenue pledged by the Hospital. Although the lease obligations would be issued by the City of Pekin, the City was only acting in the capacity of a conduit entity. The City would not be contractually obligated to repay the lease obligations. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Dunn, Strand, Kortkamp, Jones, and Tebben; Present, Blanchard.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Jones announced an "Onion Award" to the littered property at Broadway and South 13th Street. He suggested that Council consider appropriating funds during this budget to the inspections department to assist in enforcement and clean-up of such properties.

Council Member Blanchard reminded the viewing public that alleys are to be maintained for weeds by the adjoining property owners. He suggested the City implement a program for yearly maintenance.

Council Member Abel reported that he had attended the most recent Newly Elected Official's Seminar at which much credit was given to the City of Pekin for some of its projects.

Council Member Kortkamp commended Ron Sieh for working with the public on inspection issues.

Mayor Tebben advised Council, attendees, and viewing audience that tax bills would be mailed in the next two weeks. He reported that the City has been the recipient of the complaints. He explained there are several taxing bodies with the city portion of the County taxes consisting of only 12%. He suggested that the public be educated as to the breakdown by the Manager making that presentation at the next meeting.

Council was asked to set a work session to review pre-audited FY 2007 end of year financial balances. A meeting was set by Council for Monday, July 2, 2007 @ 5:30 p.m. and the Clerk directed to post the notice.

Bill Gilroy, 1312 South 11th Street addressed Council regarding his observations of weeds in the alley behind Urdy's on Derby Street and junk vehicles and trash at Fayette and 2nd Street lot.

Roger Alexander, 1904 Court Street presented a sketch to Council of his neighborhood and a fast-food restaurant. He voiced concern that teenagers were destroying the residential adjoining area. He inquired about the zoning approval process for construction of the business and requested that the business be asked to construct a fence as a deterrent. Mr. Alexander also requested that solid waste collection drivers be cautioned to return totes to proper places.

Thomas Harrison, 3520 Cattail Cove, asked Council to consider improving the condition of the intersection at Wingfoot and Sheridan Road. He also expresses his concern about the growth of weeds on Osbrey Subdivision.

Public Works Director and City Manager were directed to report back to Council at the next meeting on the issues brought forward from these citizens.

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 Blanchard, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:40 P.M. to discuss the Sale and Lease of Municipally Owned Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. and the Appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 1. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, a motion was made by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:55 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk