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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 CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, HENDRICKS, AND BARRA

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER MCCABE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present except Council Member McCabe. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **agenda be approved as presented**. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 27, 2014 and the Special Council Meeting of June 2, 2014 be approved as written.** On roll call vote; Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, Abel, and Barra; Abstain, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bob Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, addressed the Employment Contract. He questioned if Mr. Girdler received a 3% raise this year and if there would be an assistant. In regards to an Ameren Agreement he asked the total cost of Veterans Drive ring-road.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, stated it was a wise decision hiring Mr. Girdler. In regards to the Employment Contract he quested if Mr. Girdler was offered less than $125,000. He felt the amount was excessive and encouraged the Council not to approve the contract.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Building and Inspections Department April Report; Liquor Commission unapproved minutes dated May 22, 2014; Traffic Safety Committee minutes dated June 6, 2014; Police Department May Report; and Tazewell County Animal Control May Report.
7.2 Adopt: Resolution No. 103-14/15 – Annual Prevailing Wage Resolution.
7.3 Receive and File: Bids for Sludge Waste Disposal Pekin Wastewater Treatment Plant opened June 13, 2014 @ 10:00 a.m.
7.4 Adopt: Resolution No. 104-14/15 – Appointment of Darin Girdler to PPUATS as Alternate Policy Committee Member and Alternate Technical Committee Member

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **AGREEMENT WITH ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION ANNUAL STATE ROUTES MAINTENANCE** be approved. City Manager Joseph Wuellner recommended the annual 12 month increment of a contract through June 30, 2015 with IDOT for reimbursement to the City for maintenance provided by the Street Department on State highways. He advised the computation for the period of July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 was $94,100.95.Council Member Golden requested how the time was accounted for City people. Mr. Wuellner stated there was no way to accurately track how many road man hours were spend at this time. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND AMEREN TO RELOCATE POWER LINES ON VETERANS DRIVE** be approved. Mr. Wuellner presented an Easement to allow for the continuation of the VFW improvements and the estimated cost for the scope of work at $1,152,228.23. Discussion followed on the price estimate of the proposal from Ameren. Mr. Wuellner advised the Council that funding was from the State of Illinois Capitol Fund given to the City. Council Member Abel questioned why the lines could not run underground and was told because of the high voltage of transmission lines. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **BID FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT WASTE REMOVAL BE APPROVED AND THE CONTRACT AWARDED TO WASTE MANAGEMENT.** Mr. Wuellner explained to the Council the contract for the collection and transportation of Wastewater Treatment processed sludge would be taken to the Indian Creek Landfill and that the difference in this new contract was the sludge was not liquid. For City employees to perform the work the City would need to purchase semi-trailers. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks that the **EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND DARIN W. GIRDLER, CITY MANAGER FROM JULY 1, 2014-JUNE 30, 2017** be approved. Attorney Burt Dancey presented the basic form of the employment contract used for all previous City Managers. Human Resources Director Sarah Newcomb gave the Council background in arriving at the salary and benefits offered in the agreement. Significant municipal experience; the amount offered to candidates four years ago; the succession goal expressed by Council when a City Manager was hired; Mr. Girdler's Economic Development background and the 2 ½ years worth of knowledge of the City administration, were major considerations. Each Council Member gave reasons why they would approve the contract. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **ACQUISITION OF EASEMENTS FOR PHASE III LONG TERM CSO PLAN IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED $50,000.00,** be approved. City Engineer Michael Guerra requested authorization to negotiate and obtain 11 easements from multiple owners, including businesses, individuals and railroads, needed to secure the low interest IEPA loan for location of sanitary sewers. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Appreciation was extended to Joseph Wuellner for his 15 years of service to the City and upon retirement as City Manager. Mr. Wuellner thanked the Council for their support and guidance throughout the years.

Council Member Abel asked if the City could utilize offenders who had community service hours as restitution for cleaning up properties. Deputy Chief Baxter said he would check with the Tazewell Probation Office. Council Member Golden asked the status of seeding of the West Campus lot by the new owner. Mr. Wuellner indicated the grading of the property was delayed due to sewer lateral work. Seeding would be difficult this late in the summer.

Bob Bramham, 2103 Velde Drive addressed the Council. The following matters were questioned and/or discussed: why was it up to the manager to hire or not hire an assistant City Manager; the total costs of the Veterans Drive Project was estimated at $30 million. Many things come up during construction; the Library $400,000 wind-fall. Mr. Bramham stated that the City did not have a revenue problem-the City had a spending problem.

Shirley Faichney, 320 State Street, questioned the Council if the City roads would be repaired. She did not agree with the money that was spent for the pier and riverfront

Ann Witzig, 11501 Antioch Tremont, Il, questioned why she was being charged $9.00 Capitol Improvement or surcharge on her wastewater bills.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, addressed the Council regarding pension and retiree funds and contributions.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:25. P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk