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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 S. CAPITOL ST  
ON MONDAY JUNE 22, 2020 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
MARK LUFT \* CHAIR \* PRESIDING  
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Due to the Governor's Executive Order regarding COVID-19 and the relaxing of the Open Meeting Act requirements, this meeting was held remotely via Zoom Meetings without an in person meeting location for the public to attend. Therefore, the provisions of the City Code regarding electronic attendance did not apply. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Mark Luft. The Clerk confirmed by roll call vote, that all Councilmembers were physically present except for Councilmember Hilst, who attended via remote electronic attendance.

| Attendee Name    | Title         | Status  | Arrived |
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| Michael Garrison | Councilman    | Present |         |
| Rick Hilst       | Councilman    | Remote  |         |
| Karen Hohimer    | Councilwoman  | Present |         |
| Dave Nutter      | Councilman    | Present |         |
| Lloyd Orrick     | Mayor Pro-Tem | Present | 6:46 PM |
| John P Abel      | Councilman    | Present |         |

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| Mark Luft | Mayor | Present |  |
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## APPROVE AGENDA

### 3.1. Motion to: **Approve agenda**

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Garrison, Councilman                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### 4.1. Motion to: **Approval of Minutes**

### 4.2. **City Council - Rescheduled/Changed - Jun 8, 2020 5:00 PM**

Councilmember Orrick motioned to amend agenda item 9.5 Resolution No. 116-20/21 Approve an Amendment to the IDOT Maintenance of Municipal Streets Agreement of the June 8, 2020 minutes to reflect that it was the consensus of Council to review the IDOT maintenance agreement in two to three months once additional information had been presented.

Mayor Luft requested the Clerk add Councilmember Orrick's motion be added to the minutes of June 8, 2020.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ACCEPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Garrison, Councilman                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

## PUBLIC INPUT

Mayor Luft confirmed with the Clerk that no public input was given via email or Zoom Chat.

## CONSENT AGENDA

### 6.1. **Receive and File Tazewell County Animal Control Billing - May 2020**

### 6.2. **Receive and File Qualifications Submissions for Construction Engineering RFQ**

### 6.3. **Resolution No. 123 - 20/21 Mayor's Appointment of Michael Cruce to the City of Pekin Airport Commission**

### 6.4. **Financial Reports April 2020**

#### Motion to: **Approve Consent Agenda**

Councilmember Hilst requested Consent Agenda item 6.4. Accounts Payable To Be Paid Proof List thru June 12, 2020 be removed from the consent agenda and placed under New Business. Mayor Luft confirmed that Consent Agenda item 6.4 was placed under New Business as item 7.16.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Michael Garrison, Councilman                         |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

### 6.5. Motion to: **move to executive session to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 1. Personnel and 2. Litigation**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, respectfully requested the Mayor move into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John P Abel, Councilman                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

## NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1. **Resolution No. 124 - 20/21 Approving Master Service Agreement with Maurer Stutz Inc. for Construction Phase Engineering Services**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 124 - 20/21 Approving Master Service Agreement with Maurer Stutz Inc. for Construction Phase Engineering Services. Mr. Rothert summarized the purpose of the master services agreement and stated that its intention is for the assistance from Maurer Stutz Inc for construction engineering professional services over the course of the next three years. Due to the amount of the engineering agreement, IDOT requires local public agencies to use a qualifications based selection. Mr. Rothert continued to explain to ensure compliance with any project that arose over the next three years staff recommended that Maurer Stutz be selected to assist construction oversight and project administration on an as needed basis.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, explained that after the duration of the master services agreement the qualifications based selection process would start over. Ms. Esker added that if things changed dramatically the City would be able to cancel the contract at any time.

Mr. Rothert commented that the agenda item was not to approve any amount of expenditures and that each additional work orders would come to Council to approve up or down.

Councilmember Nutter expressed concern as to whether or not the Illinois Code was being followed in the selection process, as staff only chose two firms instead of three, and felt it comprised the competitive bidding process.

Ms. Esker explained that generally the top three firms are selected and contract negotiations would begin. Should no agreement be reached negotiations would begin with the second firm and so on. Ms. Esker added that in her opinion she did not feel that there was enough work to have a third firm selected. Should no agreement be reached the selection process would start over. All the consulting engineers are pre-qualified through the State.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John P Abel, Councilman                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

### 7.2. **Resolution No. 125 - 20/21 Approving Master Service Agreement with Millennia Professional Services for Construction Phase Engineering**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 125 - 20/21 Approving Master Service Agreement with Millennia Professional Services for Construction Phase Engineering. Mr. Rothert stated that this was another master services agreement, again to hire on an as needed basis for projects in the next coming years.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Garrison, Councilman                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.3. Resolution No. 126 - 20/21 Approving Agreement with Millennia for Construction Phase Engineering Services on Court Street between Valle Vista and Veterans**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 126 - 20/21 Approving Agreement with Millennia for Construction Phase Engineering Services on Court Street between Valle Vista and Veterans. Mr. Rothert explained that this item followed up with the last item to hire Millennia to do construction engineering on Court Street.

City Engineer, Ms. Josie Esker, explained that the primary purpose was to ensure the construction was complete according to building specifications and plans, answering contractor questions, contract administration, calculating all quantities that are placed in the field and variety of other items. This particular contract was about a \$2.1M construction contract. Ms. Esker stated she hoped to utilize city staff as much as possible to stay under the amount to be awarded.

Council discussed the authority for change orders and how involved the City Engineer was in approving those.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                          |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.4. Resolution No. 127 - 20/21 Approving an Agreement with Midwest Engineering for Lake Kennedy Trash and Debris Reduction Project**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 127 - 20/21 Approving an Agreement with Midwest Engineering for Lake Kennedy Trash and Debris Reduction Project. Mr. Rothert summarized the agenda item that included an agreement for engineering design, preparation of plans and specifications, and permitting. Last fiscal year, a study of Brentwood Ditch and Lake Kennedy was completed and is on the City's prioritization of the storm water issues list for FY 2021. Mr. Rothert pointed that an additional item may be added if the Army Corp should require an individual permit.

Councilmember Nutter discussed the anticipation of land acquisition.

Councilmember Abel applauded the neighborhood on the follow through of this project.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John P Abel, Councilman                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.5. Resolution No. 128-20/21 Approving an Agreement with Midwest Engineering for the High Point Lane Outfall Repair Project near Pekin Housing Authority**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Resolution No. 128-20/21 Approving an Agreement with Midwest

Engineering for the High Point Lane Outfall Repair Project near Pekin Housing Authority. Mr. Rothert explained that the agreement was for engineering design, preparation of plans and specifications for the High Point Outfall Repair project near the Pekin Housing Authority due to storm sewer outfalls causing significant erosion and safety issues near the playground. The project would be completed prior and split off from the larger Broadway Farms project and therefore would not be redone.

Council discussed the location of the project to be addressed.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John P Abel, Councilman                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.6. Resolution No. 129 - 20/21 Approving Agreement with Hanson for Design Engineering of Court Street from Valle Vista to 8th Street**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 129 - 20/21 Approving Agreement with Hanson for Design Engineering of Court Street from Valle Vista to 8th Street. Mr. Rothert explained that the request was to enter into an agreement for final design as was done for the preliminary design with Hanson in 2014. The City recommended terminating the existing agreement upon execution of the new agreement due to the age of the contract and the proposed plan changes. Mr. Rothert described the agreement to include services such as preliminary design, final design, development of plans and specifications, and land acquisition services. Mr. Rothert added that final design and shovel ready status on Court Street was only from Valle Vista to Veteran's, the area the Fast-Track grant application covered, the other sections were not in final design and need to get there to apply for other grant opportunities.

Council discussed land acquisitions after phase I was completed, funding, and not utilizing some of the plans previously decided.

Ms. Esker explained that land acquisition does not include the cost of the land only the paperwork. Some of Phase I had been completed with a previous study, some preliminary geometrics had been completed and a large amount spent on providing different options, such as lane reductions. It was agreed by Council not to take that route due to the amount of required engineering work. Of the \$1M, \$428K had been utilized, which said contract with Hanson was not completed and terminated with the new agreement.

Councilmember Hilst questioned the construction on Court Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Street to 8<sup>th</sup> Street and if any were in the TIF district.

Ms. Esker added that standards and design requirements change and felt that section should would be planned in the distant future due to limitations in funding, the proposed section in the request would currently be the best action to move forward.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [6 TO 1]</b>                       |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | John P Abel, Councilman                       |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                   |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Rick Hilst                                    |

- 7.7. **Resolution No. 130 - 20/21 Support for Fair Housing**  
City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Resolution No. 130 - 20/21 Support for Fair Housing. Mr. Rothert explained that the City anticipated submitting a grant to the State which was due on June 30, 2020. It was Mr. Rothert's hope to apply to the State this week to help go towards Court Street. Mr. Rothert reminded Council that the City received a \$20M grant for Court Street revitalization, leaving a \$10M gap to fill. The application focused on funding support to complete revitalization work on Court Street from Parkway to Hilltop Drive. Mr. Rothert described the specific application requirements for municipalities as outlined in the resolution for support. Mr. Rothert added that the City had a fair housing code that was adopted in 2009, this Resolution was a simpler way to say the City supports fair housing in Illinois. No discrimination complaints have been brought to the City that Mr. Rothert was aware of, most cities refer those type of complaints to the State level.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Dave Nutter, Councilman                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

- 7.8. **Resolution No. 131-20/21 Resolution of Local Support for Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant**  
City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 131-20/21 Resolution of Local Support for Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure Grant. Mr. Rothert explained that this was a follow up on last resolution as part of the grant application to the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure grant. The City was required to provide a local resolution supporting local dollars to be committed to the project. The City's total project for this segment from Parkway to Hilltop is a little over \$6M, the max grant award is \$5M, there is a gap to fill with local dollars. Those local dollars to be used were in part with, some already budgeted in the capital fund dedicated to Court Street, as well as monies received from IDOT when they issue their allocation to local government. One could consider them to be local funds and Mr. Rothert wanted to be safe and included those dollars in the resolution. The City's commitment is \$1.5M as the local match to be made up from the capital fund and the IDOT funds that were not budgeted but anticipated. Mr. Rothert continued to explain that the City has already received one payment. Spending cannot be done in advance but rather as the City receives funds.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Dave Nutter, Councilman                              |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

- 7.9. **Ordinance No. 2890 - 20/21 Redevelopment Agreement with Pekin Outreach Initiative CBD TIF**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Ordinance No. 2890 - 20/21 Redevelopment Agreement with Pekin Outreach Initiative CBD TIF. Mr. Rothert explained that the Pekin Outreach Initiative recently purchased 515 Elizabeth Street to feed the homeless, provide snack packs, hot meals, toiletries, showers and laundry, etc. The organization approached the city to help them provide assistance through the Central District TIF to offset costs of rehab of the facility to make it more ADA compliant, help with acquisition, and architectural engineering cost up to \$30K. Mr. Rothert pointed out that the attached agreement was a 5 year forgivable loan by 1/5 each year.

Councilmember Orrick, Councilmember Abel, and Mayor Luft spoke in favor of the agenda item and how positive the organization is has been for the community.

Councilmember Hilst commented that he supports the program but as not for profit organization in the TIF district not paying real estate taxes, he struggles with the TIF district process.

Councilmember Nutter discussed parking requirements and utilizing CDBG Funding rather than TIF.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.10. Resolution No. 132-20/21 DACRA Software Maintenance Renewal**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 132-20/21 DACRA Software Maintenance Renewal. Mr. Rothert explained that the software is a very intrical part of the police departments operations.

Chief Jon Dossey added that this runs the entire process from when the ticket is issued to the collection process up to the comptroller's office. This solution is much more cost effective than other options.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John P Abel, Councilman                              |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.11. Resolution No. 133 - 20/21 Agreement to Purchase Investigative Forensic Software**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 133 - 20/21 Agreement to Purchase Investigative Forensic Software. Mr. Rothert explained the request is to assist the police department in doing their daily operations. The City currently shares the forensic application with the Sheriff's Department that is used to investigate electronic equipment. The City pays an access fee to utilize the equipment with the County annually. Mr. Rothert continued to explain that the County maintains first priority to use the equipment first, with it being used more so by the County, the City has had to wait to use the equipment. It is invaluable to the investigators and helps with increase efficiency to investigate cases. Mr. Rothert pointed out

that he name had been redacted to maintain confidentiality of the vendor and so not to compromise the City.

Chief Dossey explained that the City paid \$5K annually to access the software. The proposed equipment may have a maintenance fee that would need to be updated annually as technology changes. Chief Dossey added that the police department had been utilizing the equipment amount 18 months and has had a lot of success.

Councilmember Hilst questioned the amount of funds in the proposed line items allocated.

Mr. Rothert added that the Iron Eagle fund is a restricted fund only used for certain expenditures, the fund balance was around \$30K as a fund balance for those restricted funds. Mr. Rothert stated that \$5K would come out of the Iron Eagle and \$5K out of the Federal Iron Eagle.

Councilmember Hilst discussed the equipment received from the foundation based on an article he read to secure phones so they could not be remotely wiped.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Michael Garrison, Councilman                         |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.12. Resolution No. 134 - 20/21 Authorization to Execute Supplier Agreement Related to Electric Aggregation**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to Council to approve and adopt Resolution No. 134 - 20/21 Authorization to Execute Supplier Agreement Related to Electric Aggregation. Mr. Rothert summarized the request to execute a supplier agreement through an upcoming re-bid process selecting new energy pricing with the lowest responsible bidder to provide electric supply under the aggregation program if the current rate is lower than current amount with Homefield Energy. Mr. Rothert continued to explained that Good Energy provided a draft contract from the prospective bidders, Council's options on the selection of energy and the costs associated with each type. Mr. Rothert corrected the request and noted that the City did charge the civic administration fee of \$.0010.

Council discussed the timeframe of the contract and how it affects the competitive rate.

Mr. Rothert added that the entire group had to agree on the timeframe and felt the best rate was at 18 months with the traditional route of electric production. Citizens were already enrolled and had the option of opting out but should compare their competitive rate. The \$.0010 equated to about \$72-80K per year in the general operations budget under Good Energy revenue.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.13. Resolution No. 135 - 20/21 Extending Mayor's Executive Order Regarding Outdoor Sales Areas**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, presented the agenda item to approve and adopt Resolution No. 135 - 20/21 Extending Mayor's Executive Order Regarding Outdoor Sales Areas. Mr. Rothert explained that it was anticipated that the State would transition to Phase 4 with the Restore Illinois Plan on Friday and the intent of the city to extend the ability for restaurants and taverns to allow for outside dining subject to capacity limits, social distancing and sanitary requirements by the State and local authorities. Mr. Rothert continued to explain that the resolution puts that into effect once Phase 4 is underway until October 31, 2020.

Mayor Luft discussed how the resolution gives the option for customers not comfortable with inside dining to remain to have the option to dine outdoors.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                           |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Rick Hilst, Councilman                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Karen Hohimer, Councilwoman                          |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hilst, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |

**7.14. Ordinance No. 2888-20/21 Extending Mayoral Declaration of Local State of Emergency**

Mayor Luft announced that Phase 4 begins Friday and did not feel it was necessary to continue to be added to the agenda.

City Attorney, Ms. Kate Swise, explained that the declaration extends through the first meeting in July unless the Mayor terminated the Declaration of Emergency prior to the next Council meeting.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ADOPTED [5 TO 2]</b>               |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Rick Hilst, Councilman                |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John P Abel, Councilman               |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hohimer, Orrick, Abel, Luft |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Rick Hilst, Dave Nutter               |

**7.15. Policy Discussion: Use of Remaining CDBG Funding Allocated to Small Business Grants**

City Manager, Mr. Mark Rothert, introduced the policy discussion regarding the use of the remaining CDBG funding allocated to small business grants. Mr. Rothert noted that a one page sheet had been emailed to Council in preparation of the meeting that was not included in the Council packet. Mr. Rothert described the City's CDBG program was budgeted for \$1,194,843 in expenditures and the City allocated \$1,010,768 towards small business assistance grants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date \$544K has been allocated to small businesses leaving leftover funds. The program also budgeted other expenditures such as housing rehab for carry over projects and service grants to non-profits. Mr. Rothert continued to explain that the City has an option to make additional contributions to non-profits. Due to the City's economic concerns, it was recommended to expend the funds on admin, demolition of 228 Margaret Street and other structures in need of demolition, fire prevention and response, infrastructure or non-profit city facilities, public service grants to non-profits, and residential rehab to address carry over projects. A public hearing to amend the plan would be scheduled along with a public comment period. Mr. Rothert addressed the cost delay and preferred to use TIF funds to disburse the funds sooner.

Mayor Luft, Councilmember Orrick and Councilmember Abel spoke in favor of having a percentage expended toward demolition projects.

Council discussed the allocation of non-profit grant funding.

Councilmember Orrick felt the non-profit grant funding should be increased.

Mr. Rothert clarified that the non-profit organizations have to be providing a service of low to moderate income people or a new service. Mr. Rothert advised Council that directions should be given should they feel money should be moved.

Councilmember Hilst spoke in favor of dividing the leftover funds to the rest of the small businesses. Councilmember Orrick was open to the idea but needed more time to decide.

Councilmember Hilst spoke against expending the grant funds towards the demolition of 228 Margaret Street as he felt the funds should come from TIF.

Mr. Rothert stated that feedback is welcomed from Council but his goal was to refund some of the priorities listed before COVID hit, balance TIF funds and consider where resources should be utilized.

Council discussed the need for new fire vehicles and other new apparatuses.

Council also discussed the spending plan and receiving funds upfront and paying it back with future money.

**7.16. Accounts Payable To Be Paid Proof List thru June 12, 2020**

Mayor Luft let Councilmember Hilst take the lead on the agenda item.

Councilmember Hilst questioned the expenditure regarding the line item for material testing and consulting services at 228 Margaret Street.

City Manager, Mr. Rothert, explained that when coding expenses they are going into the correct line item.

Finance Director, Mr. Bruce Marston, added that the line item was purchase of property and any cost related of the property getting assessed or inspected would go into that line item.

Councilmember Hilst also spoke against the reimbursement of cell phone usage by employees.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>APPROVED [6 TO 1]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem                   |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | John P Abel, Councilman                       |
| <b>AYES:</b>     | Garrison, Hohimer, Nutter, Orrick, Abel, Luft |
| <b>NAYS:</b>     | Rick Hilst                                    |

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

Councilmember Orrick discussed the timing of the release of the draft and final agenda to Council.

Councilmember Nutter discussed the addressing the SEICO parking lot at the next meeting and CDBG changes tied into the capital improvement plan and requested an update of the list of houses on the demolition schedule.

Councilmember Hilst commented on the PUATT application projects for Court and Parkway down to Stadium Drive, the improvement for 14<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> Street and for the future. Mr. Rothert clarified that the application for Court Street was submitted but not the application for Derby Street. Councilmember Hilst also addressed manhole covers.

Mayor Luft addressed other areas of manhole repairs.

Mayor Luft read a comment from Mr. Nicholas Hall regarding black lives matter and people of color being killed.

Mayor Luft announced that a statement would be forthcoming but felt the events happening was all horrific.

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### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business coming to Council, a motion was made by Councilmember Orrick to adjourn. Motion carried viva voce. Mayor Luft adjourned the meeting at 7:58 PM.