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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 22, 2015 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN H. MCCABE * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, GOLDEN, ORRICK, ABEL, RITCHASON, LUFT, DUNN
ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meetings of May 26, 2015 and June 8, 2015, and the Special City Council Meeting of June 15, 2015 be approved as written.** Council Member Golden requested the word significant be changed to "substantial" completion in the minutes of May 26, 2015 in New Business item Change Order #8. On roll call vote all present voted Aye to approve the corrected sets of minutes.

PUBLIC INPUT

Marg Melchers spoke in appreciation to Council of their action to reject the Asian Carp Viability for Human Consumption Study presented for filing at the previous meeting. She recalled previous Councils rejecting in her opinion negative businesses such as open burning facility and a hog factory. She spoke in caparison support for the positive economic development nature of the Pekin Hospital project.

Bob Bramham posed the following questions to Council. Travel costs to taxpayers of City personnel trip to New Orleans in connection with site tour for marketing of Asian carp. (note: expense confirmed at $2,281.00) Why taxpayers had to pay for hospital debt and its effect on the City ratings. He questioned when the Council would stop taxing people to death.

Ann Witzig addressed the Council on the following: Contradictory responses for her request on documentation of Asian Carp economic development project that no documents exist yet in reporting to the Council the City stated there were 38 prospects interested in the project.

Larry Wolfer asked the Council to layover the New Business item to authorize a loan to the Pekin Hospital. It felt the project was a duplication of a facility in existence. He felt the excess spending of the City including the overages on the sewer treatment plant project would soon the Pekin the same as Detroit financially.

Steve Moore complemented those responsible for the improvement looks of the City at 2nd Street in front of the Mission of the brush; parking and landscape of Buena Vista Apartment area; and the Street Department work to improve Parkway Drive road maintenance.

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

7.0 CONSENT AGENDA
7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Building Department May Reports; Animal Control Report May; and Traffic Safety committee June Minutes.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS
FINANCIAL REPORT CITY TREASURER JIM WOLF
Mr. Wolf presented documentation for his presentation of the year Ended April 30, 2015 (Pre-Audit)
Revenues over Expenses – All City Funds; Major Revenue Sources; Investment Earning

Revenue higher than expected $21,836,590.00
Property taxes to general fund dropped due to mandated pensions fund contribution increases.
Food and beverage tax strong in spite of drop in overall sales tax

Increase in investment earnings

Mr. Wolf's general summary it was a very good year or the City.

NEW BUSINESS
Motion by Council Member Orrick seconded by Council Member Abel that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT with Illinois Department of Transportation for maintenance of state highways be approved.** City Engineer advised the Council of the annual IDOT agreement to maintain State owned roadways within the City of Pekin including IL Route 29 within the City limits from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015. Routine maintenance operations such as snow and ice control, cleaning of streets and medians and pothole patching were included in the amount of revenue calculated to be $96,721.89 for this fiscal year.

Orrick

Golden

On roll call vote Ayes, Council Members Luft, Dunn, Abel, Ritchason, and McCabe; Nays, Golden and Orrick. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **EXECUTION OF A LOAN FY 15/15 BUDGET APPROVAL CAPITAL FUNDS ITEMS be authorized.** City Manager Darin Girdler requested Council's authorization of a loan in the amount of $2,067,000.00 for approved purchases of FY 15-16 budgeted capital items. Council Members discussed with the Manager improvements from the list such as sidewalk and street maintenance/repair, building demolitions, purchases of equipment – dump trucks, police vehicles, garbage truck, fire truck, and tornado siren. Questions and suggestions were made by Council Members: use of alternative fuel, aluminum trucks for extended life; grant money for siren replacement; leasing for cost effectiveness. Council Member Golden expressed concern regarding review of mechanic maintenance logs. Council Member Orrick asked that a 5 Year Capital Plan be reinstituted as he had seen presented in the '90s. Council Member Orrick stated he could not support the loan based on it being used for maintenance items that should be planned and expensed in annual department budgets.

On roll call vote Ayes, Council Members Luft, Dunn, Abel, Ritchason, and McCabe; Nays, Golden and Orrick.

Motion Carried.

<u>ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A342-15/16</u>
AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4, SECTION 1.D
OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995
REGARDING NO PARKING SCHEDULE

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Dunn that Ordinance No.1462-A342-15/16 be adopted. Recommendation from the Traffic Safety Committee to approve one handicapped parking space eastbound at 600 State Street. Council was advised of the TSC consideration of a request from the Second Reformed Church of its need for a loading/unloading area and parking space designated handicapped close to elevator entrance of the church. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Luft seconded by Council Member Ritchason that the **CITY COUNCIL APPROVE THE AUTHORIZATION OF A LOAN AGREEMENT WITH PROGRESSIVE HEALTH SYSTEMS.** City Manager Girdler next advised the Council of the Pekin Hospital project to construct a three-story physicians' medical facility on the north side at Griffin Avenue and Veterans Drive. Chief Executive Officer Bob Haley was present to answer questions. The proposed 52,000 sq ft building would house approximately 20 providers and capacity for more. The $12,000,000.00 **local government/ business partnering**

On roll call vote Ayes, Council Members, Golden, Orrick, Luft, Abel, Ritchason, McCabe; Abstain, Dunn. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Dunn that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:45 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk