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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, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY DUNN MAYOR PRESIDING

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, BLANCHARD, KORTKAMP, BARRA, AND SCHMIDGALL

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER STRAND

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present except Council Member Strand.

Mayor Dunn announced that the City of Pekin would be making 2 of our facilities available as Cooling Centers today through at least Wednesday. The Main Lobby (first floor) in City Hall at 111 South Capitol and the City's Service Center at 1130 Koch Street would be open to the Public from 8 A.M. to 8 P.M. for those in need of a place to get out of the extreme heat.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of June 8, 2009 and the meeting of June 9, 2009 Bus Trip be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street told Council he was the agent for Crossroads Used Cars at Broadway and 2nd Street. He had requested last year that the City trade that parcel for the property that Council would consider leasing to CenturyTel. He stated that his proposal for the property still stood though he had not received a response.

Bernie Gobbel 208 Dogwood Lane addressed Council regarding the recommendation to increase the speed on Broadway Road at Hickory Lane. He expressed his concern in raising the speed in residential, park, and office building area. He asked Council to consider what was best for the taxpayer not the wishes of a few and to table until more information was available to change the speed.

James Dully 205 Dogwood Lane spoke in opposition to increasing the speed on Broadway Road and indicated people were creating a dangerous situation using the center turn lane to pass other vehicles.

Jim Mangan 1200 Parkway Drive addressed the Council. He was not in favor of approving the changes to the TIF I Façade Program and creation of the Downtown TIF Commercial Retail/Upper Story Housing Program. He felt taxpayer dollars were being given away and to businesses limited to downtown.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the Consent Agenda be approved as presented.

Mayor Dunn read and presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes:** Liquor Commission Minutes dated May 28, 2009, Airport Commission June 3, 2009, And Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated June 5, 2009

2. **Receive and File** the Bids for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Sludge Removal Project Opened June 9, 2009

3. **Receive and File** City of Pekin Wastewater Facilities Plan prepared by Farnsworth Group

Council Member Blanchard requested staff to prepare a summary of the expenditures anticipated on the improvements as part of the Wastewater Facilities Plan. It was confirmed that that a narrative and the conceptual estimates of probable construction costs had been provided to the Council by the Public Works Director Joseph. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Treasurer James Wolf presented reports to Council on budget totals, actual monies received and percentages of budget of major revenue sources for Fiscal Year 2009 May 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009. He highlighted areas of note and concerns such as the drop in the Income Tax Replacement and the off budgeted investment earnings. Council Member Blanchard advocated showing the interest on savings monthly and Mr. Wolf indicated the issue was addressed. Mr. Wolf stated interest rates continue to drop and he was not seeing improvement in the investment earnings when the 12-month report was presented.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2587-09/10

AUTHORIZING THE LEASE OF MUNICIPALLY OWNED REAL ESTATE

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Ordinance No. 2587-09/10** be adopted. City Manager Dennis Kief advised he intended to lease the City owned parking lot in the northeast corner of the Ann Eliza at 4th Street intersection to CenturyTel for 2 years at $10,000.00 per year. The lot was presently under utilized for rental parking. Under the terms of the agreement the phone company would maintain the property. On roll call vote Ayes, Schmidgall, Kortkamp, Barra, and Dunn; Nays, Blanchard and Abel. Motion Carried.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND TAZEWELL COUNTY** be approved subject to approval by the Tazewell County Board at their meeting on June 24, 2009. The contract provided for the maintenance of County vehicles by the City in an extended agreement for two-years with the hourly mechanical rate increased from $55.00 to $65.00 per hour; parts from 25% mark-up to 28%; and gas purchase cost plus $0.05/gallon. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **BID FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT SLUDGE REMOVAL** be approved in the amount of $428,100.00 and the 3-year contract be awarded to Stewart Spreading. Public Works Director Joe Wuellner addressed the questions Council had regarding qualifications/references of the new contractor, the process of removing approximately 3 million gallons from the plant lagoons, and the application of the by-product utilized on farmland. Council further discussed the reuse at the plant as methane power generator and the timing of the contract in regards to the construction of the plant upgrade that included onsite pressing process. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A290-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 8, CHAPTER 3, SECTION 3 F.

OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995

REGARDING SPEED LIMITS

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Schmidgall, that **Ordinance No. 1462-A290- 09/10** be adopted. Traffic Safety Chairman Joe Wuellner advised that numerous people had asked that the speed on Broadway Road from Hickory Lane to California Road be increased to 40 mph after the road-widening project was completed. Council Member expressed concerns for the residential area. Police Chief Timothy Gillespie spoke in opposition to the recommendation stating that 40 mph means the motorist tends to drive 50 mph. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall; Nays, Barra, Blanchard, Abel, Kortkamp, and Dunn. Motion Failed.

Economic Development Coordinator Steve Brown stated he would address the next two items of business. He expressed appreciation for the team effort in reviewing and restructuring the Tax Increment Finance - TIF Programs as incentives to attract and retain business. He highlighted for Council the changes made to the eligible dollars for the Façade Grant Program and the establishment of a loan program for upper story rehabilitation of the downtown. Council Member Blanchard expressed concern of not requiring a personal guarantee from the applicants. Discussion followed. Mayor Dunn asked that the City Manager contact the members for their individual opinion to add a personal promissory note or signature to the application. Council discussed the original intention of utilizing TIF funds, how many present businesses had expressed interest in opening up 2nd floors to expand business or lease, that the borrower retain ownership of the property for a minimum of 5 years, and if the loft would be assessed separately or be exempt until 2021.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-09/10

ESTABLISHING AN AMENDED FAÇADE GRANT PROGRAM IN THE TIF

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Resolution No. 9- 09/10** be adopted. Economic Development Coordinator Steve Brown presented a request for modifications of the current Façade Program and increasing the City's participation from 1/3 to 50% of eligible costs up to $12,500.00. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-09/10

ESTABLISHING PEKIN DOWNTOWN COMMERCIAL RETAIL UPPER STORY HOUSING LOAN PROGRAM

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **Resolution No. 10- 09/10** be adopted. Steve Brown also presented the loan program proposed to be available for viable commercial retail use on the first and upper story floors and upper story lofts/apartments. It was explained the loan program was a dollar-to-dollar match, up to but not exceeding $25,000.00. The funds would be available from the TIF line item and intended to trigger rehab and growth to the business district. On roll call vote, Ayes, Schmidgall, Blanchard, Kortkamp, Abel, and Dunn; Nays, Barra and Blanchard. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member wished the community a safe and happy 4th of July Holiday.

Council Member Blanchard urged the community to contact their State Representatives to pass a Budget that would not harm the elderly population's income or reduce such beneficial programs as the YWCA.

Greg Ranney Director of Public Property announced that all solid waste, garbage, recycling, and yard waste would be collected Monday through Friday even though some City offices would be closed for the 4th of July holiday on Friday.

Joe Wuellner Public Works Director informed the public that the City would begin June 25th the Heat & Scarifying portion of the Street Maintenance Program on Broadway Road 8th Street to Schramm Drive. Weather permitting the project would continue on Parkway Drive from Easter to the northern City limits. There would be lane closures and delays for 2 weeks.

Police Chief Timothy Gillespie announced at the meeting that he was retiring on July 17, 2009 after 39 years as a police officer for the City. He expressed appreciation to the Council, staff, his family for their support and friendship. He thanked Mayor David Tebben, several past Council Members for the time spent working together doing his appointment 12 years ago as Chief. He noted that the Pekin Police Officers were second to none in the State and that it was a privilege to have served as their chief. People present in the Council Chambers acknowledged Chief Gillespie's long years of service with appreciation and applauds.

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street indicated Cynthiana between 2nd and 3rd Streets was a safety issue and requested it be vacated and the barrier removed so that travel on Broadway Road at that location was two-way traffic. He again expressed concern that the parking lot on Derby recently paved with rock was not protected from runoff and that the City should check the sewers in that area.
City Manager Dennis Kief informed Mr. Gilroy his asking to vacate a street required a written request from the owners of the adjoining properties in order to precede with the process. The Manager made Mr. Gilroy aware that ownership and tax requirements would be split with those owners. He would present the request to the Traffic Safety Committee first.

Leigh Ann Matthews Director of Main Street thanked the Council for embracing the new TIF Programs. They would be beneficial in attracting sustainable businesses to the Main Street area.

Bernie Gobbel noted the good, constructive conversation that he saw in the discussion of topics through the Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 7:20 P.M. to discuss 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 2. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 5. the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) 11. Litigation, when action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, in open session, Mayor Dunn called the meeting closed.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:25 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk