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PROCEEDINGS OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON THURSDAY, JUNE 14, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

PRESENT: **COUNCIL MEMBERS, JONES, BLANCHARD, STRAND, KORTKAMP, ABEL, AND DUNN**

ABSENT: **NONE**

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Council received an agenda and proper notice was posted on Tuesday, June 12, 2007, of a special meeting called by the Council to consider the purchase of electric power.

As provided by Ordinance No. 2412 03/14/05 and under Title 1, Chapter 5, Section 3.1 of the Code of the City of Pekin 1995, Council Member Dunn, because of absence from the corporate limits of the City for personal employment purposes, utilized the provisions by providing written notice, received on June 11, 2007 and attended telephonically.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Tebben.

Mayor Tebben acknowledged participation of Council Member Dunn by electronic means. **Roll** was called and all Council Members were present.

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

New Business
Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the City Manager be authorized to negotiate and execute a contract to receive electric power at a lesser amount than provided by Ameren/CILCO to be ratified by the Council subsequently.

Mayor Tebben advised Council that the original authorization for the Manager to negotiate an agreement expired when the previous Council adjourned Sine Die.

City Manager Dennis Kief requested that Council allow him to enter into a contract to purchase electricity for the City buildings. A power sale agreement through Sempra Energy Solutions, LLC was being considered because of the price fluctuation daily and the favorable rates proposed for this week's purchase. He explained it was no longer prudent to wait for State action with respect to a rate freeze. He noted that Council would need to approve ratification of any specific contract.

Public Works Director Joe Wuellner reported on the evaluation of City usage and negotiations to broker the best price for an electric generation contract by watching the market daily. It was estimated that the savings over CILCO increase would be $40-$45,000.00 a year. Authorization was needed to react in a few hours to enter into a contract with the supplier Sempra.

Discussion followed regarding:

- Contract ending December 2008 in order to aggregate into larger group comprised of Peoria, Chillicothe, and northern counties plus possibility of other businesses such as the hospital joining
- Corporation Counsel's review of the contract
- Risk
- Escape clause and provisions for termination damages
- Effect on franchise distribution by CILCO with respect to backup at the Treatment Plant, rebate on street lighting.

Council requested that savings be monitored.

Mayor Tebben summarized that staff heard the concerns of Council and directed the manager to act accordingly in negotiations of the final contract.

On roll call vote, all voted Aye.

Public Works Director reported to Council that he had been working on the acquisition of property at the intersection of Parkway and Broadway for lane improvements since February. Two previously approved purchases required necessary changes to land held in trust, signage issue, and addition of specific tree replacement. The documentation needed to be completed in order to stay on schedule for an August IDOT letting for construction this year and to have completed prior to the anticipated start of the Broadway Widening project. Mr. Wuellner advised that the project increase was estimated to be $10,000.00.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp that the **PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM JAMES W. FARRELL AND SUSAN R. FARRELL TRUST FOR THE BROADWAY-PARKWAY PROJECT in the amount of $28,000.00 be approved.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the **PURCHASE OF RIGHT OF WAY FROM DTHC PROPERTIES LAND TRUST FOR THE BROADWAY-PARKWAY PROJECT in the amount of $$2,100.00 for Parcel A 1 and $4,400.00 for Parcel A 2 be approved.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, Mayor Tebben adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk