
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2003 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COMMISSIONERS, MADDOX, JONES, RICHMOND, AND MASSAGLIA

ABSENT: NONE

The Mayor called attention to the names listed on the Active Service Honor Roll displayed in the Council Chambers and called for a moment of silence in their honor.

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

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **agenda be amended by removing from Consent Agenda item 4. Resolution No. 9-03/04 Regarding Confidentiality of Minutes of Executive Session Meetings.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **agenda be approved as amended.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting Special Day of May 27, 2003 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the **Amended Consent Agenda be approved as presented.**

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Police, Fire, Zoning and Inspections (Building, Code Enforcement, Sewer & Plumbing, Electrical, HVAC), Traffic Safety Committee, Inspections Department, Health insurance, and Tazewell County Animal Control)
2. Proclamation: United States Army Week June 8-14, 2003
3. Receive and File Pekin Public Library Annual Report
4. (Removed)
5. Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated May 14, 2003
6. Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:
#1573 - recommends that the Special Use request, submitted by TAP's for outdoor kennels in a B-3 Zone, be denied due to constraints of the Pekin Zoning Ordinance.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

New Business

RESOLUTION NO. 10-03/04
PREVAILING WAGE

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Resolution No. 10-03/04 be adopted. Com'r. Richmond explained by adopting the annual resolution Council ascertains the prevailing rate of wages defined in the State Act regulating wages of labors, mechanics and other workers employed in public works in Tazewell County as determined by the Department of Labor. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **TAX INCREMENT FINANCE PROJECT RATINGS** be received and filed. City Manager Dick Hierstein reported the results of each Council member's individual rating of eleven projects discussed at a previous meeting. The projects were considered for downtown/riverfront area to be funded by Tax Increment Financing. Streetscape and sewer lining tied for top priority. Council discussed their understanding of demolition rating over acquisition of property. All agreed the intent was demolition of the grain bins in forming their priorities. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Com'r. Massaglia informed Council and the general public of a **"TREES PLEASE" PROGRAM** offering trees to Pekin residents at no charge but with restriction of one tree per household. Release form required to be signed at the Street Department where trees would be available for pickup Saturday, June 14. The Council was also informed of the varieties, size, responsibility for adequate vehicle for transporting, verification that planting would not conflict with utilities or public right-of-way, and requirement to contact JULIE for locate.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the intent to amend the budget for 2 **STREET DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL** and two seasonal employees be approved. Com'r. Massaglia addressed a memo from Public Works Director Dennis Kief. Mr. Kief was requested by Mayor Howard to compile information to justify the hiring of Street Division employees. Com'r. Massaglia noted the employees were needed for delayed brick street repair and a lacking curb replacement program. He stated \$400,000 in the budget should be spent internally rather than paying outside contractors for the programs. The projected payroll was \$130,000 per year for 2 full time employees with benefits. Mayor Howard addressing the public stated the issue did not create a power play with the City Manager in reference to a memo from Mr. Hierstein recommending Council not add 2 full time positions. The Manager felt if reconsideration of the budget decision was necessary, a partial step be taken by hiring seasonal help paid through reduction to contract maintenance.

Manager Hierstein then stated he disagreed with the process by which the personnel issue was presented for vote. The request did not follow proper channels. Mr. Hierstein made Council aware the 5-Year Personnel Plan included 5 positions however during the budget process when a deficit of \$294,160 was apparent, additional positions and many capital projects were deleted or delayed. He cited cuts in state revenue and declining sales tax as reason for 2004 budget deficit projected at \$979,160. He advised that he disagreed with the timing not the need for personnel.

Com'r. Jones voiced concern of tapping reserves. He disagreed with the action of proceeding contrary to the vote in place of previous Council without review of the entire budget.

Corporation Counsel advised the motion be reread. Discussion continued.

Com'r. Massaglia expressed his disappointment that brick street repair had been delayed for two years. He called attention to complaints by residents and the need for comprehensive curb and street repairs. He disagreed with Mr. Hierstein in that the proper avenues were not followed in re-proposing the hires. He stated the issue had been discussed publicly during several meetings.

Com'r. Richmond corrected the statement made that the City has no curb maintenance program. He verified the 50/50 Sidewalk and Curb & Gutter Maintenance Program being in place. Com'r. Richmond called attention to a 7 Year Street Maintenance Program completed in 4 years. He suggested more time be given to review recommendations and requested a more complete comparison of contract work versus in-house be presented by the Public Works Director before proceeding with hiring.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Jones that the motion be tabled. On roll call vote: Ayes, Comr's. Richmond and Jones; Nays, Comr's. Maddox and Massaglia and Mayor Howard. Motion failed.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox, that the motion be amended to allow for hiring of two full time street department employees and two part time seasonal street department employees in the present budget. Mayor Howard felt the public should know funds were available and referred to Motor Fuel Tax revenues for use. On roll call vote: Ayes, Comr's. Maddox and Massaglia and Mayor Howard; Nays, Comr's. Jones and Richmond. Motion carried.

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Maddox that two full time and two part time employees be added to the street department. On roll call vote: Ayes, Comr's. Maddox and Massaglia and Mayor Howard; Nays, Comr's. Jones and Richmond. Motion carried.

Com'r. Maddox expressed his feeling that the open discussion of the meeting was beneficial to the rules of good government.

Other Business

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star*, *Pekin Daily Times* and Jonathan Ahl News Director WCBU were given the opportunity to ask questions.

The Council set a special meeting for Monday June 16, 2003 @ 5:30 p.m. as an open meeting Budget Review. The Chair asked that Council and Staff be prepared to set a date for a Council/Staff Retreat at the next meeting.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:15 P.M. following a 10 minutes recess, to discuss Collective Bargaining. ILCS 120/2/ (C.) (2.) and Pending and Threaten Litigation 2. (C.) (11). On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

No further business to come before the Council, a motion was made by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia that Council adjourn. Motion carried by Voice Vote.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:15 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk