
**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 8, 2015 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
John McCabe * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, GOLDEN, ORRICK, LUFT, AND RITCHASON
ABSENT: DUNN

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

Roll was called. All members were physically present, except Rusty Dunn. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **agenda be approved with the exception of moving item 6.2 from the consent agenda to an action item which will now be known as item 7.5 Prevailing Wage Resolution.** On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

PUBLIC INPUT

Robert Bramham raised the following concerns: Fish processing plant is concerning and he shares articles from the newspaper regarding other facilities; \$6 million is not nearly enough to make repairs to Court St.; the change order for the waste water treatment plant is another example of the project going over budget.

Ann Witzig discussed the following topics: Council meeting decorum and rules; The Human Rights Committee should have spent \$2500 on something other than totes and a sign; takes issue with the quality of the report by the University of Illinois on the viability of Asian Carp and its impact on industry; can't believe the City would accept Court St from the State of Illinois in the dire straights that it is in; and requests the council change the frequency of waste water bills so she can final bill tenants when they are moving out.

Jim Mangan wanted to clarify statements made in the Pekin Times regarding the police and fire pensions and the lack of response from the Mayor on his request. Mayor McCabe stated that he spoke to the City Treasurer about the pension fund and Attorney Dancy says as a matter of record the Pekin Times does not direct us and we (the City) do not direct the Pekin Times in what they publish.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Luft that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved with item 6.1 only.** The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

6.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports: Human Rights Committee Minutes dated March 25, 2015 and April 22, 2015; Building Department March and April Reports.

On roll call vote Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Ritchason, Abel, McCabe; No, Golden. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE NO. 2730-15/16 Sale of Property to Enviro-Safe

7.1 Motion by Council Member Abel, second by Council Member Orrick that **Ordinance 2730-15-16 Sale of Property to Enviro-Safe** be approved. City Manager Girdler explained that theis option was originally give to Enviro-Safe when they bought their property on Hanna Drive and this property sits immediately adjacent to his currently owned property. Orrick and Ritchason thanked the Prices for their commitment to investing in Pekin. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

7.2 Motion by Council Member Luft, second by Council Member Orrick that the **Change order #1 for WWTP Phase 3 & 4be approved.** Mr. Girdler asked Pat Sheridan, the engineer of record on the project for Farnsworth & Associates to explain the change order. Sheridan states that this is the second major phase of the EPA agreed improvements and due to unknown at Plant 2 and the interceptor; Sheridan and City

Engineer, Mike Guerra, negotiated with the contract to reduce the price of the changes to \$56,400. Sheridan feels it is fair and meets market price and the contractor is doing the work as prescribed and it is within the loan contingency and well within the loan authorization. Golden is concerned that the work should have been known and is also concerned that the work is underway. Golden is also concerned about record drawings and Sheridan respectfully disagrees and assures the council that the record drawings will be complete and that all drawings are being kept. On roll call vote Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Ritchason, Abel, McCabe; No, Golden. Motion Carried.

7.3 Motion by Council Member Ritchason, second by Council Member Abel that the **Agreement with IDOT for annual maintenance be tabled until 6/22/2015 be approved.** Council members want more information from the City Engineer. On roll call vote all present voted Aye to table the vote on the Agreement.

7.4 Motion by Council Member Orrick, second by Council Member Abel that the **Report on the Study of the Asian Carp from the University of Illinois be received and filed.** Economic Development Director, Leigh Ann Brown explains that the Council approved the study by the University of Illinois in December of 2014 for \$7,500 as opposed to a study by private consultants for much more money. The need for the study came from the regional task team put together through Focus Forward CI with a focus on human consumption. Brown goes over the executive summary that was included in the packet and notes that Council has had the full report for a couple of weeks. Luft is concerned that a fish processing plant will detur other businesses and feels we need to set a vision for the City. He feels entertaining the study is a bad idea. Orrick says we should be desparate for development and says the City should have goals. ble asks if the study would be shared and notes there is a huge learning curve since this industry is in its infancy. Richason feels this doesn't really move us in a positve direction and he received a lot of calls on this topic. Golden asks about the plant in Havana. Brown explains that the plant in Beardstown is not for human consumption. McCabe says the study was not done to serve one prospect and the potential for creating head of household jobs. There is further discussion about the differences between the types of plants in Grafton and Thompson compared to the types of plants being talked about among the prospects visiting the Illinois River cities. On roll call vote Golden, Orrick, Luft and Ritchason vote no; Able and McCabe vote yes. Motion fails for the receipt and filing of the report.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-15/16 Annual Prevailing Wage

7.5 Motion by Council Member Orrick, second by Council Member Luft to **APPROVE RESOLUTION 6-15/16 ANNUAL PREVAILING WAGE.** Council Member Golden brins up the issue of TIF and Main Street projects not falling under prevailing wage. Brown says no, the State does not apply it to Main Street projects, but they strongly encourage it on TIF projects. Golden asks how we confirm prevailing wage. Girdler, Brown and Newcomb all confirm that certified payrolls must be received prior to payment of any invoices. McCabe points out that current TIF projects are paying prevailing wage and that state law requires the resolution for prevailing wage. Orrick also says the downtown projects by Thompson are paying prevailing wage and McCabe points out the local unions would also ensure the payment of prevailing wage. On roll call vote Ayes, Orrick, Luft, Ritchason, Abel, McCabe; No, Golden. Motion Carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

8.1 Brown announces the enjoypekin.com website is up for public viewing and says it is a work in progress and looks forward to adding additional information with community events in the future.

8.2 Council Member Golden says he was misquoted in the Pekin Times and that it will take time to fix the pension problems.

Council Member Orrick agrees that we can't fix the pension issue overnight. He suggested gaming revenue be dedicated to the pension funds.

Council Member Luft says we need to look at the pension funds often and find a way to fix it, but it will be a matter of years.

Council Member Ritchason thanked the Police Department for the first Cops for Kids event of the season.

Council Member Abel sends condolences to the City Clerk and thanks everyone for jumping in.

Mayor McCabe says according to Jim Wolf there are 3 issues affecting pensions: 1. Springfield increased benefits without funding mechanisms, 2. The 2008 financial impact is still felt, but we are making progress on that hit and 3. The new mortality tables are being used in actuarial studies.

Mayor McCabe thanks the City's first responders to more than 40 storm related calls Sunday night and asks everyone to keep the City Clerk in thoughts and to respect her during this difficult time.

8.3 Press member Alex Rusciano from Peoria Public Radio asked if council, and specifically Luft and Ritchason, have issues with a fish processing plant or if it is the industry itself that they are against. Luft says it is a matter of setting smart goals and he doesn't want that tag on the community. It is not an anchor to build other business on. Ritchason says he is not against the industry, but one of his goals is to move Pekin to the next level and he doesn't feel this is the way to do that. Abel says we are kicking an industry to the curb before we do our homework. McCabe says it was not fiduciarly responsible to ask for a \$7,500 study and then not accept it. He points out that there is dignity in the work that should be considered.

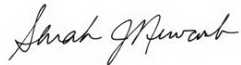
No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Council adjourn. Motion carried voice vote. Mayor McCabe adjourned the meeting in open session.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:19 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan

City Clerk

Via

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sarah J. Newcomb".

Deputy City Clerk