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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 8, 2009 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
RUSTY DUNN MAYOR PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Roll was called and all Council Members were present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Barra, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 26, 2009 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, Ayes, Stand, Abel, Schmidgall, Barra, Blanchard, Dunn; present, Kortkamp. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Garnet Meischner 1401 Janssen, spoke to the Ordinance to amend the Liquor Code regarding areas for a Class C license. He opposed not-for-profit organizations taking sales away from licensed establishments. He felt the organizations were not aware of the responsibilities and would let alcohol in the hands of children at such gatherings not needed in the community.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, 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 April 16, 2009 and Police Department May Report

2. Charitable Solicitation: TCAP Catholic Charities Saturday, July 19, 2009
   St. Jude 2nd Annual Memorial Run Carl Kearney, Saturday June 20, 2009

3. Resolution No. 7-09/10 - Annual Prevailing Wage

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

Mayor Dunn spoke of the mobilization of volunteers in response to hurricane Gustav destruction. Pekin deployed Chief Chuck Lauss, Matt Martin, and Chris Coats to Southwest Louisiana to help in the relief of the devastated area. Humanitarian Service Awards and Decoration Certificates from MABAS Division 42 were given to the Firefighters for their efforts.

Bonnie Eeten of the Unland Companies presented the establishment of the Wellness Committee and the health strategies that they were trying to accomplish for the city employees. She reported the committee was made up of representatives from each department who have reviewed the Heath Fair study results, set priorities, and had formed solution programs for improved health results such as Buddy Walk, Heart Smart, and Bowling. Their initiative has been on germ resistance , water consumption, and food intact.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **VEHICLE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF PEKIN AND TAZEWELL-WOODFORD HEAD START** for a two-year term until May 31, 2011, be approved. Mayor Dunn told the Council that the agreement was extended by two-years with the hourly mechanic rate increased from $55 an hour to $65 per hour; parts from 25% mark-up to 33 1/3 %; and gas purchase cost $0.05/gallon. City Manager said the fuel purchase was new to the renewed contract for the maintenance of the 5 buses. Council Member Blanchard spoke in support of the considering the adjustment in fuel based on rising cost. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Abel, that the **SOFTWARE CONTRACT WITH SPRINGBROOK** in the amount of $241,760.46 to be paid in annual installments of $40,293.41**,** be approved. Council was advised by the Assistant Finance Direct Angie Evans that the current provider was bought out by a larger company leaving the City with limited support. She recommended contracting with a new company. Council Member questioned additional expense, budgeted funds, sale of present server, IT acceptance and concerns were addressed. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ORDINANCE NO. 2586-09/10

AMENDING TITLE 3, CHAPTER 3, OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995 REGARDING THE LIQUOR SALES AREAS

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Abel, that **Ordinance No. 2586-09/10** be adopted. It was the recommendation of the Liquor Commission to add area of sales on Court Street between 4th and Capitol Streets to the provisions of the Liquor Code Class C License for Not For Profit or Charitable applications. Police Chief Gillespie addressed the concerns that liquor consumption was being expanded on Court and noted the sale would be in one contained area. Leigh Matthews Director of Main Street advised the Council that the organization partners with the local establishments in the events. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-09/10

DOWNSTATE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION OPERATING ASSISTANCE GRANT AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO AGREEMENT WITH THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – GRANT #3797

Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Resolution No. 8-09/10** be adopted. Director of Transportation Greg Ranney requested the Council approve a second amendment to the grant to receive the funding for 2009 operations of the Pekin Municipal Bus and partial funding to CityLink for contract services. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Strand, that the **AGREEMENT WITH FARNSWORTH FOR IEPA LOAN APPLICATION SUPPORT FOR WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT UPGRADES, in an amount not to exceed $18,000.00,** be approved. The expenditure was with a company that had the expertise in filing all documentation and subsequent compliance with the IEPA. Council Member Blanchard expressed concern that the City was spending money before there was a decision of how much the plant would be improved and at what cost. Discussion followed on the Attorney's opinion of the language contained in the General Conditions of the document. Council Member Schmidgall made a motion to amend **APPROVAL TO FARNSWORTH AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE PENDING ANY COMMENTS BY THE ATTORNEY**, seconded by Council Member Blanchard. On roll call vote, Ayes, Strand, Schmidgall, Barra, Kortkamp, Abel, Blanchard; Nay, Dunn. Motion carried. On roll call vote, all present vote Aye to approve the Agreement subject to the review and comments of the City Attorney.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member Strand expressed compliments from the contractors that had worked with the City in obtaining permits and plans for the expansion of the Advocacy Center.
Mayor Dunn announced community events such as the summer reading program for children at the Library, and the U of I Extension for summer lunch program.
Council Member Abel asked that the City Manager on behalf of the public, discuss with the County the possibility of extending the due date for the payment of the second installment of real estate taxes persons who had lost their jobs or were laid off.

Christal Dagit 1413 Charlotte undated Council and the public on the expanding Tazewell County museum rooms and alliances with other societies.

Bill Gilroy 1312 South 11th Street, again expressed his concern that a parking lot on Derby is still gravel and not blacktopped. He questioned if there were provisions for having silt barriers and why were some sited. Staff was directed to follow-up on the concerns.

Garnet Meischner 1401 Janssen spoke in support of the using the expertise of a company in securing the funding needed for the upgrades to the Treatment Plant.

Kay Lock 709 South 3rd Street presented a list of issues and concerns:

- Garbage cans are not returned to the proper place by the drivers but in the middle of the driveway
- Several streets that are difficult to drive because of the potholes or manhole covers
- Expressed disappointment with the Mayor's speech at the Cemetery on Veterans Day

Ms. Lock announced the Relay for Life Event on June 26-27, 2009.

Daniel DeHoog 619 S. 12th Street, congratulated Ed Emmons for his work to bring the Impoundment Ordinance forward for amendment. He objected to the seizure of vehicles and compared it to holding a vehicle for ransom. Mr. DeHoog was informed that the Ordinance would be discussed again at the July meeting and possible be presented for action in August.

Kyle Peebles representing Mike Smith Office invited Council and the public to attend Green Collar Summit on Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. in City Hall.

Todd Thompson, Manito, told Council he was appreciative of the support in revitalization of the Downtown. He felt there were comprehensive strategies for the development and great momentum to move forward.

Leigh Ann Matthews, Director of Main Street thanked the Council for their support of the efforts of the revitalization of the Downtown. She also encouraged vendors and the public to participate in the Farmers Market Days every Thursday until September 24.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
Motion by Council Member Barra, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that **Council move to Executive Session** at 6:50 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) 6. The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. 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 7:50 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk