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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 TUESDAY MAY 29, 2007 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
R. DAVID TEBBEN * MAYOR * PRESIDING

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

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER ABEL

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The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by MSgt Doug Arrowsmith.

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

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

Motion by Council Member Dunn, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 14, 2007 be approved as written.** On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda
Council Member Kortkamp requested that item 7. c. and d. be removed from Consent Agenda and be placed for discussion under New Business. Mayor Tebben so ordered as a matter of person preference.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the Consent Agenda be approved as amended.

Mayor Tebben presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

1. **Monthly Reports and Minutes: LADD Minutes March 7, 2007, Building Report, Mayor's Advisory for Persons with Disabilities Minutes April 12, 2007, and Liquor Commission Minutes April 20, 2007**

2. **Charitable Solicitation: Benefit for Moira Hartley June 30, 2007**

3. **Resolution No. 1 - 07/08 – Annual Appointments**

4. **Receive and File Correspondence IEPA Annual Report regarding NPDES Phase II Storm Water Program**

5. **Receive and File Pekin Public Library Annual Report**

6. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Minutes Dated May 9, 2007**

7. **Receive and File Pekin Planning Commission Hearings and Recommendations:**
   a. Hearing #07-1740 – Recommended approval of the Special Use for Automobile Sales with Accessory Structure Incidental to this Use at 1301 Broadway.

   b. Hearing #07-1741 – Tabled the Site Plan for the Special Use for Automobile Sales with Accessory Structure Incidental to the Use at 1301 Broadway until a corrected Site Plan is received for review at the June 13, 2007 meeting.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

PRESENTATION: Police Chief Timothy Gillespie explained to Council the process and criteria set by the officers themselves to be selected as Officer of the Year. He then introduced and presented the 2007 award to Police Officer Greg Burris.

Fire Chief Chuck Lauss then gave recognition to Jami Lusher and John Burns for being named Firefighters of the Year. Both firefighters had made entry into a fully involved fire to rescue the resident in the basement. They were unable to attend the meeting.

The following retired employees were unable to attend the meeting but were then recognized for their service to the City of Pekin:
John Abel and Harry Clor – Fire Department
Mark Williams and Roger Davis - Police Department
Cheryle Fryman – Finance Department
Police Chief Tim Gillespie then presented a retiree's watch for 26 years of service on the force to Dan Brotz.

DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT: Fire Chief Chuck Lauss presented a report to Council on the structure and duties of the Pekin Fire Department. He informed Council on the duties of the 52 members, daily schedules, training activities, and history of run numbers. He commended that future call loads will continue to rise has services and expansion of the city area takes place.

PRESENTATION: MSgt Doug Arrowsmith Illinois Air National Guard 182nd Aerial Port Flight gave to the City the flag of the United States that flew over Iraq. He briefed Council that he had been in the Guard for 15 years and was also presently employed by the City in the Solid Waste Department. He expressed appreciation for the support of Council in his deployment and for the backing he received from his fellow employees.

A PUBLIC HEARING was opened by Mayor Tebben at 5:59 p.m. to discuss tax-exempt financing for the Pekin Memorial Hospital. Notice was properly posted in the Peoria Journal Star on Thursday, May 10, 2007. City Manager Dennis Kief briefed Council on the Tax-Exempt Fiscal Responsibility Act (TEFRA) Hearing Notice. Attorney Burt Dancey explained that the hearing served a duel purpose of notice for Lease / Purchase agreement where by the Hospital would have the MRI facility in-house through the City's Bond Issue. The City had the power as a Illinois home rule municipality to authorize the issuance of the revenue obligation on a conduit basis on behalf of the non-municipal hospital Bond Counsel Annie Warner, representing Peck Shaffer & Willams LLP stated that the special issuance would not constitute indebtedness of the City. There were no additional comments received. The hearing was closed at 6:06 p.m.

New Business
Motion by Council Member Strand, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **AGREEMENT WITH WILLOCK, WARNING & CO., INC. BE APPROVED**. City Manager Dennis Kief recommended the Engagement Letter, which provided for the City's annual FY 07 audit in an amount not to exceed $30,000.00. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Blanchard, seconded by Council Member Jones, that the **AGREEMENT WITH ALTORFER INC. FOR A WHEEL LOADER IN THE AMOUNT OF $29,950.00 BE APPROVED**. Superintendent of Streets David Pagliaro informed Council that the new equipment was a replacement of 924-G Wheel Loader for the Street Department. The 3-year buy back agreement allowed the City to purchase a new CAT wheel loader valued at $155,000 for $29,950.00. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Kortkamp, that the **MAYOR BE AUTHORIZED TO SIGN THE AMERON/CILCO SITE REMEDIATION FORM**. Council was briefed by the Manager on the CILCO remediation site on the west side of Front Street, north of Broadway. He explained the old CILCO Gas Plant site was extensively cleaned up in 5 years. The City's signature was required on the No Further Remediation Letter (NFR) in order to acquire IEPA release from further responsibilities. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Kortkamp, seconded by Council Member Dunn, that the **PEKIN PLANNING COMMISSION HEARINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS: HEARING #07-1742 AND HEARING #07-1743 BE RECEIVED AND FILED**. Council Member Kortkamp opened up for discussion, the hearings regarding the acceptance of the zoning as presented on the Preliminary Plat for Atkins Development pending Annexation for TAG Winston Farm and the Preliminary Plat for Atkins Development pending Annexation for TAG Winston Farm with a caveat that A, B, F & L street widths are 32', the Secondary street widths are 28' with parking only on one side and there be Intersection Street Lighting provided. Member Kortkamp questioned the City Manager on what steps would be necessary prior to the annexation of the property. Mr. Kief explained that staff would need to work through the development to make sure outstanding issues were addressed. The Pekin Planning Commission heard the request of the developer twice and finished their recommendations to Council. Council Members voiced concerns regarding split vote of the Planning Commission and variances of street width. Safety concerns were heard regarding the possibility that vehicles would be parked on narrow streets due to design of one stall garages and no basements. Mayor Tebben reiterated that there was no action before the Council for the approval of the site plan or the development. The motion was to "receive and file" the PPC Hearing Recommendations. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL
Council Member Blanchard urged the staff and Council to pursue the proposed Derby Street TIF.

Council Member Dunn expressed appreciation for the participation of the community in the 100 Year Celebration of the Fire Department parade.

Mayor Tebben noted that on the annual appointment resolution approved under Consent Agenda that Council ratified the appointment of the Treasurer until December 31, 2007. The Mayor informed Council that Chic Renner wished to retire when a replacement was found. Mayor Tebben also indicated that Council needed to begin considering if their consensus was to fill the position of Finance Director.

Motion by Council Member Jones, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that Council move to Executive Session at 6:35 P.M. to discuss the Sale and Lease of Municipally Owned Property 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 6. and the Purchase of Property by the Public Body 5 ILCS 120/2 (c.) 5. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 6:56 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk