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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 27, 2014 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.  
LAURIE L. BARRA \* MAYOR \* PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, MCCABE, ABEL, GILLESPIE, GOLDEN, ORRICK, AND  
BARRA**

**ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBER HENDRICKS**

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

**Roll** was called. All members were physically present except Council Member Hendricks. A quorum was present.

**AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 12, 2014, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

**PUBLIC INPUT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Keith Gleason, President Teamsters Local 627, 7101 N. Allen Road, Peoria addressed the Council regarding Articles of Agreement with the Teamsters General Employees, Solid Waste, Streets, and Wastewater Treatment Units. He defined the negotiations of the 3 year contracts as long, contentious, and more difficult than prior years but through Mediation came together on tentative agreements. He stated that he would meet with each union the next day to ratify the terms. Mr. Gleason felt the agreements were fair to all parties and asked for Council's vote for the contracts to be approved.

Robert Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive, voiced his opposition to spending tax dollars for the approval of the Pekin Housing Authority Police Protection Agreement, the Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax dollars for resurfacing streets, and the contracts with the Teamsters for tentative salary increases.

Denise Rendon, 2004 Independence Drive, expressed concern in the Council's transparency to the public regarding the Teamster employees' agreements. She felt the City was spending more than taxpayers could afford if 3% wage increases were given to employees. Ms. Rendon suggested that the approved bond money for the Library improvement project could have been better spent.

Jim Mangan, 1200 Parkway Drive, stated that he considered the increase cost of the Teamster contracts as reported in the local newspaper were unaffordable. Mr. Mangan asked that the Council hold off voting on the union contracts until the taxpayers had the chance to review and make comments.

Sally Johnson, 1503 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, echoed Mr. Mangan's comments. Mayor Barra explained that public review of the working documents between parties in not accepted in the collective bargaining process. In regards to the Pekin Housing Authority Agreement Ms. Johnson was told that the Housing Authority was liable for the voluntary police officers.

Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive voiced her concern of Council meeting in closed session.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Council Member Golden, seconded by Council Member Abel that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. The following was presented for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote.

**7.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports:** Police Department April Reports, Tazewell County Animal Control April Report, Traffic Safety Committee Minutes dated May 2, 2014 and Electrical Commission Minutes dated May 8, 2014.

**7.2 Receive and File:** Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes dated May 14, 2014.

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

## **COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS**

### **PRESENTATION POLICE OFFICER AND FIREFIGHTER OF THE YEAR**

Police Chief Greg Nelson publicly thanked the Elks Club for their traditional ceremony of honoring a police officer and firefighter of the year. For police officer of the year he announced that Rob Jones had been chosen through the department's selection process not so much for one outstanding event but more appropriately for his daily performance as the canine officers.

Fire Chief Kurt Nelson presented firefighter of the year honors to Captain Matt Martin who he felt was instrumental to the technical rescue training of the department.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Orrick, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the Council move to Executive Session at 5:50 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2.) Collective Bargaining. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye. Council returned to open session at 6:05 p.m. **Roll** was called. All members were physically present except Council Member Hendricks. A quorum was present.

### **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS LOCAL 627**

City Manager Joseph Wuellner presented the next 4 business items. He advised the Council that the majority of the negotiated provision changes dealt with salaries, health insurance benefits, an additional Martin Luther King holiday and residency extended to 10 miles. There were language changes throughout each of the agreements for clarity and uniformity. Council was informed that the agreements covered 160 employees 110 of which were part-time bus drivers. The contracts covered 3 year periods with no reopeners. General comments of acceptance of the "give and take" results of negotiation were given by Council Members. Council Member Golden stated he was against any raises but because the money had been budgeted for this year he would grudgingly vote in favor of the agreements.

### **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 627 SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2017**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the agreement be approved. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

### **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 627 STREET DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2017**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the agreement be approved. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

### **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 627 GENERAL EMPLOYEE UNIT EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2017**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Abel that the agreement be approved. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

### **ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT TEAMSTERS, CHAUFFEURS AND HELPERS LOCAL 627 WASTEWATER TREATMENT DEPARTMENT EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2014-APRIL 30, 2017**

Motion by Council Member McCabe, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the agreement be approved. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**ORDINANCE NO. 1462-A334-14/15**  
**AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CODE OF THE CITY OF PEKIN 1995**  
**TITLE 8, CHAPTER 4 SECTION 3.F.**  
**REGARDING HANDICAPPED SPACES**

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that Ordinance No. 1462-A334-14/15 be adopted. The Traffic Safety Committee recommendation was presented to Council to amend the list of spaces designated as ADA-accessible parking intended for 352 S. Capitol Street. Council was advised that the resident had to reapply each year for the space, that there were 6-8 of similar on street marked spaces around town that had doctor documentation and that the snow ban provisions of the code trumped the handicapped spaces during such snow events. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Motion by Council Member Gillespie, seconded by Council Member Orrick that the **INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES be approved.** Police Chief Nelson presented to Council the Agreement between Pekin Housing Authority and the City of Pekin to provide police protection. Police officers, when not scheduled for the City, would provide service as part-time employees of PHA at \$25.00 per hour paid by PHA. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

**RESOLUTION NO. 102-14/15**  
**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF**  
**STREETS AND HIGHWAYS FOR MUNICIPALITY**  
**MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND**

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that Resolution No.102-14/15 be adopted. The resolution appropriated MFT funds in the amount of \$105,000.00 for annual seal coating project. City Manager Wuellner advised the Council the amount was greatly reduced until the evaluation and long term maintenance plan of all streets was completed. Discussion followed. Council Member Gillespie suggested that the utility companies be asked to participate in the cost if seal coating a street was a result of numerous street openings and inconsistent layers. Comments were heard on the traffic count on Sheridan Road from Luttickins to Veterans Drive. Council Member Golden suggested Roller Compacted Concrete RCC or crumpled rubber applications. He was told RCC application had not been approved by IDOT using MFT funding. Council Member Orrick noted Illinois American Water Company did not have a franchise agreement and recommended initiating talks in order to include provisions such as street maintenance. If a franchise was something the City did not want to engage in because of rate increases, Council Member Orrick proposed increasing street opening fees in the City Code. On roll call vote, Ayes, Abel, Gillespie, McCabe, Orrick and Barra; Nay, Golden; Absent, Hendricks. Motion Carried.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL**

City Engineer Michael Guerra announced that Sheridan Road would be closed to traffic for bridge repair over Lick Creek starting June 2, 2014 until August. The Council and Public were also informed of the street sign asset collection project. Cartegraph would use two slow moving vehicles equipped with cameras to collect information throughout the City.

Council Member Abel the public of the provisions of the code regarding weeds and encouraged residents and businesses to keep their properties mowed and weeds cut.

Mayor Barra announced that the City Council would meet on Monday, June 2, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss with Traffic Safety Committee various methods to address parking on narrow streets.

Council Member Gillespie expressed his appreciation for the Veteran's Ceremony held on Memorial Day. It was noted by Council Member Orrick that the Mayor did a nice job at the memorial. The concerns regarding mowing at Veterans Cemetery had been addressed and the area was on the weekly mowing schedule.

Bob Bramham, 2108 Velde Drive commented on various items of concern to him; Council minutes not containing his comments on the Library's "windfall" or an answer to his question.

Sally Johnson, 1503 N. 13<sup>th</sup> Street, commented on various items of concern to her; questions to the Council not being answered; comparison of Pekin to East Peoria; wastewater tax; library costs; and salary increases being out of control.

Janet Nelms, 1604 Memorial Drive, read correspondence she had received in which the sender felt that former City employees, Council Members Gillespie and Abel's serving on the Council was a conflict of interest.

Denise Rendon, 2004 Independence Drive, expressed her displeasure with property taxes and asked the Council to rein in spending. She felt when citizens ask questions they should be answered. She stated she had difficulty finding meeting dates on the City calendar website.

Keith Gleason, President Teamsters Local 627, expressed appreciation of the Teamster membership in approving the 4 union contracts.

Shirley Faichney, 320 State Street stated that the City did not need to pay 2 City Managers.

Ann Witzig, 11501 Antioch Road Tremont, pointed out various issues she had with the City concerning trash, police department and fire department matters.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Gillespie that the Council move to Executive Session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1.) Personnel and 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11.) Litigation. be approved. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

#### **COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:30 P.M.**

Sue E. McMillan  
City Clerk