
**PROCEEDINGS OF THE REGULAR MEETING SPECIAL DAY
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEKIN, ILLINOIS,
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS OF THE CITY HALL
111 SOUTH CAPITOL STREET
ON TUESDAY, MAY 27, 2003 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LYNDELL N. HOWARD * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

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

Mayor Howard indicated he had been told the City of Pekin refused usage of the Pier for the Veterans Memorial Day Service. He apologized for any misunderstanding but assured the public that the statements heard were not true.

Roll was called and all commissioners were present.

Agenda

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

Motion by Com'r. Maddox, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that the **Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of May 12, 2003, the Special Meeting of May 12, 2003 and the Special Meeting of May 14, 2003, be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Consent Agenda

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

1. Receive and File Monthly Reports: Wastewater Treatment and Safety Committee
2. Solicitation: Boys' and Girls' Club Tag Day June 12-13, 2003
Derby Friends for South Pekin Tornado Victims
3. Proclamations: Better Hearing and Speech Month
Stroke Awareness Month
4. Receive and File Veteran's Drive (Route 29 to Towerline) Land Use **Scope of Study**
5. Receive and File Resignation of Maureen Broy from the Planning and Zoning Commission
Civic Recognition Award
6. Resolution No. 7-03/04 – Appointment of Sue Bosich as Corporation Counsel

On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Communications, Petitions, Reports

RIVERFRONT DISCUSSION

Director of Planning and Development Kim Uhlig explained to Council that the Farnsworth Group had presented the revised plan for Riverfront Development on May 14. She indicated she needed for Council to reach a consensus on design in order to apply for the State Occupational Safety Land and Development Grant. Direction needed to be given to meet the OSLAD grant submission deadline of June 30.

Commissioner Richmond stated he had discussed the closed design of Court Street with the Fire Chief and the Police Chief. He was now supportive of the open concept of Court Street to the river. He also indicated that the general public was not aware that Front Street was open to vehicle and boat traffic in both directions. Commissioner Maddox felt access for emergency vehicles was critical to the design of Court Street.

Commissioner Jones stated he was behind the Riverfront Development but was not supportive of the Farnsworth plan in regards to sun exposure to stage setting. He was not willing to vote for plan approval until he could see changes to utility lines, Streetscape direction and receive Park Board and public input.

Council voiced other concerns for theater sail cover, bolder water spray location next to picnic area and Farnsworth cost estimates. Council felt there were misconceptions of park's position relating to development.

Mayor Howard announced that he had met with Director Bob Blackwell. Mr. Blackwell stated that the Pekin Park District Board was on record and willing to work with the City in planning the Riverfront and Miller Park areas. Council set a combined meeting for Thursday, June 5, 2003 @ 5:30 p.m.

TIF I POTENTIAL PROJECTS DISCUSSION

City Manager Dick Hierstein reported that full funding from TIF I District would expire in 3 years. He initiated discussion of a variety of desirable and eligible improvements from the funding source as a first step to establishing priorities of the projects. Mr. Hierstein informed Council of the \$1,000,000 available, the \$700,000 generated annually in full increment and the estimated \$400,000 annually generated if the sales tax portion of the district is extended for additional years.

Estimates for the following projects were given and discussed:

- Wireless camera system riverfront security
- Property purchases
- Demolition of elevators and homes
- Park improvement
- Parking to support park area and police employee parking
- Fishing pier
- Visitors center/restrooms at old Sours Grain office
- Removal of berm at Broadway/Court
- Trail Extension
- Overlay downtown parking lots

Mayor Howard stated he supported and would strongly lobby for Streetscape to be completed to the river. Commissioner Maddox posed questions regarding the effect of the extension of sale tax on other taxing bodies; precedence of sewer lining over finishing of street; if purchase of security camera would increase surveillance charge from T/PCCC.

Commissioner Richmond suggested that each member of Council rank the list in order of preference for completion and funding. Council was directed to submit project ranking to the City Manager, which would be compiled and presented at the next meeting

BRICK STREET DISCUSSION

Public Works Director Dennis Kief recapped a PowerPoint presentation of Brick Street Restoration. He identified preliminary information gathered in March of 2001, public input from residents received during "walk" of May 21, 2001 and recommendations regarding future maintenance of brick streets.

Mr. Kief explained that conditions of the brick streets vary significantly. Some have held up well with minimal maintenance; some need replacement of utility patches; there are 3 streets that require total reconstruction. He suggested some repairs with utilization of the Street personnel to determine cost effectiveness of undertaking the project. He asked Council's direction in prioritizing the work of the Street Department verses contractual award of brick street repair.

New Business

Motion by Com'r. Massaglia, seconded by Com'r. Richmond, that the **JOINT PPUATS FUNDING AGREEMENT ANNUAL ELEMENT OWP FY 2004**, in the amount of \$9,786.89 be approved. Director Dennis Kief explained Pekin's membership in Peoria Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study. PPUATS has funded transportation studies and land use plans for the City of Pekin and other agencies in the funding agreement. Membership makes the City eligible for planning and construction dollars and a significant amount of federal highway dollars. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-03/04

FOR IMPROVEMENT BY MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Massaglia, that Resolution No. 8-03/04 be adopted and the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute and file all documentation required with the Department of Transportation, appropriating MFT Funds for Peoria-Pekin Urbanized Area Transportation Study (PPUATS) in the amount of \$9,786.89. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Motion by Com'r. Richmond, seconded by Com'r. Jones, that the recommendation of the Loan Review Committee to deny the application of **BILL PARKER, NEWMAN & ULLMAN, INC. FOR ECONOMIC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LOAN**, be accepted and the request be denied. Community Development Director Pamela Anderson presented the decision of the Loan Review Committee with documentation in order for Council to make the final decision of the loan. She explained the recommendation for denial was based on EDFAP application guidelines determined by funding received from U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) for Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). She stated the applicant did not meet eligibility criteria of 51% of jobs be retained and/or created by the project benefit lower-moderate income persons. Newman & Ullman given debt ratio should be able to acquire funding by a financial institution. Commissioner Maddox expressed concern that request did not meet national objective. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Other Business

Greg Ranney presented the City with a Certificate of Appreciation from Bravo Company 110th Military Intelligence Battalion. The recognition was accompanied with a letter thanking "Pekin Cares" for generosity in mailing packages to soldiers deployed to Iraq.

Mayor Howard acknowledged a thank you letter sent from Ron Hawkins of Cincinnati Township in appreciation for the help provided by the City during South Pekin tornado disaster.

Commissioner Massaglia informed Council that he had been made aware of additional historical value of the Vogel Building. It was reported in 1847 Attorney Abraham Lincoln handled the estate

Reporters from the *Peoria Journal Star*, *Pekin Daily Times* and Tanya Koonce News Producer WCBU were given the opportunity to ask questions.

Motion by Com'r. Jones, seconded by Com'r. Richmond that Council move to **Executive Session** at 6:40 p.m. to discuss:

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.

2.(c) (11) To consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that such an action is probable or imminent.

On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:40 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk