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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 S. CAPITOL ST
ON MONDAY MAY 22, 2017 AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
JOHN MCCABE *MAYOR * PRESIDING

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ROLL CALL
All members were present and a quoram established.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
James A Schramm	Council Member	Present	5:20 PM
Michael Garrison	Councilman	Present	5:17 PM
Lloyd Orrick	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	5:15 PM
John p Abel	Council Member	Present	5:16 PM
Michael Ritchason	Council Member	Present	5:27 PM
Mark Luft	Council Member	Present	5:30 PM
John McCabe	Mayor	Present	5:24 PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor John McCabe.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3.1. Motion to: **approve the agenda**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1. Motion to: **approve the Council Meeting minutes of May 8, 2017 and the Council Meeting minutes of the New Council of May 8, 2017**

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Mark Luft, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

4.2. **Council Meeting Minutes May 8, 2017 5:30 PM and 6:00 PM**

PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

CONSENT AGENDA

6.1. Motion to: **approve the Consent Agenda as presented**
Council Member Luft questioned why the Liquor Commission Minutes were from March. Mayor McCabe explained that the minutes do not go on the agenda to be received and filed by the Council until they are approved by the Liquor

Commission at their next regular meeting. The minutes were approved at the April meeting of the Liquor Commission.

Mayor McCabe presented several items for consideration by Omnibus Vote in the Consent Agenda and made special note and comments to the National Public Works Week and the 2017 Municipal Clerk's Week and her duties.

RESULT:	**ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

6.2. Building Department Report April 2017

6.3. Traffic Safety Committee Meeting Minutes - May 2017

6.4. Tazewell County Animal Control April 2017 Billing

6.5. National Public Works Week May 21st - May 27th, 2017

6.6. Liquor Commission Minutes dated 03/23/17

6.7. 2017 Municipal Clerk's Week Proclamation

6.8. Annual Appointments Resolution No. 50-17/18

NEW BUSINESS

7.1. MFT Resolution No. 51-17/18 for Preliminary Engineering

City Engineer Michael Guerra spoke to both New Business items 1. and 2. that were tied together. The resolution for the expensiture of Motor Fuel Tax (MFT Funds was for the Preliminary Engineering Services from Midwest Engineering Services for Street and Sidewalk Maintenance Task Order 001 in the amount of $60,150.00 It would allow the the City to utilize MFT funds to pay the services. Council Member Garrison questioned if there was an overlap of streets in Task Orders 001 and 002.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	John P Abel, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

7.2. Task Order 001 for Engineering Agreement with Midwest Engineering for Street and Sidewalk Maintenance

The Council was advised that on May 8, 2017 the members approved a master service agreement entered into with Midwest Engineering to assist the City with street and sidewalk maintenance for the next three years. This first Task Order was for the agreement to perform the preliminary engineering services totaling $60,150.00 for:

Oarkway Drive - Willow to Court crack fill $900.00

14th Street - Park to Fisher mill and overlay $21,250

Sheridan -Hawthorne to Parkway mill and overlay $13,750

Broadway - Schramm to Parkway mill and overlay $24,250

Mr. Guerra explained to Council Member Garrison that required guidelines using MFT Funds were based on the estimated construction cost from 3%-5%. He also explained to Council Member Orrick the advantage to the City of using a master servise agreement for projects less than $25,000 in order not to seek Request for Proposals for consultant on each project.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	James A Schramm, Council Member
SECONDER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

7.3. Task Order 002 for Engineering Agreement with Midwest Engineering for Street and Sidewalk Maintenance

The second Task Order 002 was the agreement for Midwest Engineering to assist the City with street and sidewalk maintenance:

4th Street - Broadway to Derby pavement patching $22,500.

The project was utilizing General Funds following the guidelines of IDOT Local Roads Manual based on estimated construction costs. The engineering fee would be 5% of the total estimated budget. Council Member Ritchason questioned the time frame for completion to ensure construction this year. Task Order 002 would come before the Council the end of July for award. Task Order 001 using MFT funds would require additional steps for State approval and runs a month or two behind.

RESULT:	**APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Michael Ritchason, Council Member
SECONDER:	Lloyd Orrick, Mayor Pro-Tem
AYES:	Schramm, Garrison, Orrick, Abel, Ritchason, Luft, McCabe

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Larry Edwards asked the Council to consider walkways over 2 areas often traveled by motor cyclist and scene of road kill. He noted 2nd Street, Rt 29 and Parkway Drive to the roller rink as areas of concern. He submitted to the Council several photo suggestions for animal walks over roadways that have been constructed in other parts of the country.

Rick Hilst addressed the Council on several matters:

Noted Traffic Safety Committee minutes were in Consent Agenda and had not been approved yet at a TSC meeting. Contrary to what was stated earlier regarding Liquor Commission minutes.

Could not find in Budget Detail the million dollar transfer of funds from the Bus Department to the General Fund. Asked for direction that would show the transfer took place.

Quoted 65ILCS 5/5-3-7-8 and read the manager could not create new officers or positions, however the manager had such power with direction of Council.

John McNish noted occurrences of the number 33 in sports, along with the significance of OHSA 300 log reporting 33 City of Pekin recordable incidents. He remarked that it appeared the City did not care about the safety of its employees.

Eric Portner, Labor Representative for the Pekin Police Benevolent Labor Committee, expressed concern of the damaging cuts to the Department implemented by the City Manager; no assignment to drug unit; the elimination of investigation's take home squad cars; consideration of cuts to traffic detail; and 5 officer per shift minimums. He questioned where the money from the cuts was going when new managements positions were created that did not exist before.

Tom Veach President Firefighters Local 524 spoke in support of the Police Labor Representative's concerns. He stated the fire union was opposed to any cuts in public safety.

Ann Witzig commented she did not appreciate Council Member Abel's statement that some of the worse properties were landlord's. She agreed with the request of Mr. McNish that 3 of the positions named should be relieved of their duties, the Mayor the City Manager, the Human Resources Director.

Elaine Ritchie told the Council before cutting fire and police they should not be posting for new jobs.

Council Member Luft questioned the matter brought before the Council regarding minimum manning requirements for safety personnel. He agreed with Fire Representative Veach that firefighters and police do an outstanding job and that the issues of staffing would be looked at closely. The Council Member next expressed his concerns to statements by Mr. McNish that the recordable accidents were alarmingly high. To not have processes in place with safety committees was not acceptable. To Mrs. Witzig he explained his view that the positive of fixing the houses in the 14th Street Project owned by landlords was the fact the renter would benefit from lower utility bills from the installation of new windows. Council Member Luft expressed his concerns after reviewing the personnel residency requirements that there were department heads that do not live in the City. He noted these employees were making decisions with fees, with taxes, with policies implemented onto the taxpayers. With no skin in the game this presented a problem. He questioned from and email received and contrary to previously being told, there was no "secret" meeting. He indicated what he had before him was agenda information regarding City Manager transition options meeting at the Dirksen Center in January. The last issue he asked to have addressed was the matter of roofing permits. He felt the Building Code did not direct the fee to be charged and that new fees were necessary to come before the Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Orrick to place on the next agenda to discuss the policy for residency for City staff.

A motion was made by Council Member Luft, seconded by Council Member Orrick to place on the next agenda to discuss the policy who applies the fees to the permits that go out from the City. Mayor McCabe noted the request.

Council Member Abel noted an incorrect posting on social media that the City treatment plant cost $100 million and did not work. He asked that the individual, if an employee or a disgruntle former employee, to get the facts right that the costs was $60 million and the plant worked well.

Council Member Orrick expressed his disappointment that Council was not aware of the actions of the beautification project undertaken by the City. He also expressed his displeasure that Council was not involved, in order to get input from the public, in the discussion of a fee being charged for roofing permits. He asked Council to keep in mind the increases in fees and what homeowners could afford.

Council Member Schramm commented on the value of educating the public on such issues as fire and police manpower to give them the opportunity to come to the Council on their feelings.

Mayor McCabe responded to Council's and the public's input with the following:

Staffing of drug investigation - a Heroin Addiction Task Force exist.

Take home vehicles - Public and Council had asked to reduce vehicles taken home.

Incident Report - 33 accidents alarming but need for consideration of police and fire departments services. Hard to compare public safety with private business numbers.

Changes to Policies - agreed but need to address first a strategic plan and an updated comprehensive plan in order to write policies to fit into those plans.

Residency - union contracts already established with non-Pekin boundaries needed to be taken into consideration.

Treatment Plant - toured last week with staff and was impressed with how well the operations are run.

Beautification - operation was from money from grants and volunteers. The project would make the City look better.

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ADJOURN

10.1. Motion to: **Motion was made by Council Member Ritchason and seconded, by Council Member Luft to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned by Mayor McCabe at 6:40 p.m.**