
**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, MAY 13, 2013, AT 5:30 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

**PRESENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS, ABEL, SCHMIDGALL, MCCABE, HENDRICKS,
MASSAGLIA, BLANCHARD, AND BARRA**

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by children and grand children of out going Council Members of Chad Schmidgall, Fred Massaglia and Tom Blanchard.

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Schmidgall, seconded by Council Member Blanchard, that the **minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of April 22, 2013 be approved as written**. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

Out going Council Members made departing statements. Council Members Schmidgall, Blanchard and Massaglia each wished the newly elected member well, expressed appreciation to the residents for allowing them to serve, and thanked their families for support and allowing them to dedicate time to the City of Pekin.

No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Massaglia, seconded by Council Member Blanchard that the meeting adjourned Sine Die. On roll call vote, all present voted Aye.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 5:38 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office for new Council Members was administered by City Clerk Sue E. McMillan to Timothy M. Gillespie for a two year term, Timothy L. Golden, Lloyd A. Orrick, and John H. McCabe for a four year term.

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ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013, AT 5:40 O'CLOCK P.M.
LAURIE L. BARRA * MAYOR * PRESIDING**

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

ABSENT: NONE

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by children and grand children of newly elected Council Members Timothy Gillespie, Lloyd Orrick.

Roll was called. All members were physically present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Council Member Hendricks, seconded by Council Member McCabe, that the **CONSENT AGENDA be approved as presented**. Mayor Barra presented the following for consideration of the Consent Agenda items by Omnibus Vote and read the Proclamation “National Police Week.”

6.1 Receive and File Monthly Reports and Minutes: Human Rights Committee Minutes dated March 27, 2013; Mayor’s Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities Minutes dated February 14, 2013; Liquor Commission Minutes dated April 25, 2013; Fire Department April Report; and Tazewell County Animal Control April Report.
6.2 Proclamations: “Public Works Week” May 19-25, 2013 “Municipal Clerks Week” May 5-11, 2013 “Public Service Employees Week” “National Police Week” May 12-17, 2013
6.3 Resolution No. 69-13/14 – Mayor’s Appointments of Mayor Pro Tem Council Member Abel and 1 st Alternate Council Member McCabe
6.4 Resolution No. 70-13/14 – Annual Appointments - Committee, Boards, Commissions, Offices.

Council Member Hendricks advised the Council that he was not in support of approving Resolution No. 70-13/14 that contained appointees to Committees, Commissions, Broads that lived outside of the City limits. Council Member Golden spoke in agreement with Council Member Hendricks. Mayor Barra stated the appointed members outside the City were the nature of the committee for the expertise. On roll call vote, Ayes, Golden, Orrick, Gillespie, McCabe, Abel, and Barra; Nay, Hendricks. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS, PETITIONS, REPORTS

LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN was presented to the Council by Pekin Public Library Director Jeff Brooks. The FY2014-2019 was outlined beginning with the Library’s Mission and Vision Statements. Mr. Brooks highlighted the following key goals:

- Implement a formal training program to address safety readiness, core competencies, customer service and communication
- Renovate facility and develop/update library grounds
- Raise early literacy levels in the community
- Develop a marketing plan for traditional, social, and alternative outlets

Council Member Orrick was informed that the Library does partner with School District 108 in literacy programs. Council Member Golden questioned information he had reviewed regarding a Library self assessment dated 2009 that reported the facility in “poor condition.” The Director explained that the assessment was submitted for funding purposes as required by the State. The submission was prior to the renovation of the community room and other renovation improvements.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COUNCIL

Council Member Hendricks congratulated the new Council Members.

Council Member McCabe welcomed the new members and thanked those that supported him in his election to office. Council Member McCabe announced the upcoming Bike Ride of Silence honoring the less fortunate riders and drawing attention to respect for bikers who have right-of-way of the roads.

Council Member Abel stated that his 1st and 3rd grade grandchildren had learned in school the benefits of recycling. He expressed appreciation to the schools for this education.

Council Member Gillespie thanked his family in supporting his election. The former Chief of Police stated he looked forward to returning to serve the City as a member of the Council.

Council Member Orrick thanked the community for support in his election and expressed the hope that he would make Pekin a better place to live through his 4 year term.

Council Member Golden requested that the meeting minutes capture input, comments, and questions asked by the public and reflect who was responsible for follow-up answers.

He reported while attending a Park Board meeting at the Administration Building, he observed code deficiencies in the new meeting room. He questioned if the work was performed on work time by firefighters. Fire Chief Nelson advised that the majority of the work was 95% volunteers using the foreign fire tax 2% firefighter fund for supplies. Construction of the room was performed through an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District. Council Member Golden noted that the problem with intergovernmental agreements was that the City did not require building permits and no inspections were completed. Council Member Golden encouraged the City Inspector to inspect the work to determine if it was up to code. Mayor Barra encouraged Council Member Golden to discuss his observations with the City Inspector. Mayor Barra stated she assumed he had informed the Park District of his observed violations. Council Member Golden indicated he had not, but planned on addressing the matter with the director of parks.

Council Member Golden also raised the question of Code Enforcement tagging the public for grass height violation, yet allowing 8" and taller growth on City owned property. City Manager Joseph Wuellner advised the Council that the City is limited until the school year ends in yard crew employees that are also employed as bus drivers. The Mayor informed the Council that the extraordinary wet spring contributed to not being able to keep up with mowing along with other contributing factors. The grass was being taken care of on specific areas as soon as possible.

Assistant City Manager Darin Girdler reported on his and Mr. Wuellner's attendance at a recent State managers conference hosted in the City of Pekin.

City Manager Joseph welcomed the new Council. He announced the planned Bus Tour of all facilities for 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013.

Police Chief Greg Nelson announced the Police Department was participating in raising funds for Special Olympics. Cops for Kids event would be held on May 25, 2013 at Krogers.

Ivan Crossman, 1410 Valla Vista welcomed the new Council Members.

Dale Kuntz, 5 Fox Point, told Council he jotted down areas of Pekin that needed attention in regards to the height of the grass. He emphasized the appearance of City property not mowed yet this Spring. He then read his prepared statement *Truth, Beauty, and Joy*

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member Hendricks, that the Council move to Executive Session at 6:25 p.m. to discuss 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) Sale of Municipally Owned Property, and 65 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1.) Personnel. On roll call vote all present voted Aye.

Council returned to open session. No further business to come before the Council, motion by Council Member Abel, seconded by Council Member McCabe to adjourn. Unanimously approved by voice vote. Mayor Barra adjourned the meeting.

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 7:05 P.M.

Sue E. McMillan
City Clerk